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Comments:

This is a last minute comment but a priority concern. The Pryors and the Crazies are each distinctive ranges deserving of careful protection, but I will restrict my comments to the latter mountains. In the wilderness option, the lands selected for protection are almost entirely the rugged slopes which have no particular resource values. They do deserve wilderness protect, so thanks for that. But the access roads and trail heads on the western slopes are not included in the wilderness option. I believe some recognition ought to be given to mature forests for wilderness protection, just as our forebears experienced the forest primeval. Some of the second and third growth forest in the northern Crazies are not distinctive, but the route leading to Cottonwood Lake is incredible and the whole trail ought to be included in the wilderness option. The jagged peaks beyond the lake are unique in Montana, and one can scramble over to the Rock Creek drainage, which is given better protection. So please consider the Crazies as a unit, and not just include the parts that are not commercially viable for wilderness designation. Thank you!