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I have lived in Montana for four years. While that may not be the longest time, I have grown to appreciate and cherish both Montana's and Gallatin County's protection of and advocacy for wilderness and public land access.

At times when my life was difficult or I was frustrated, seeking solace in the trees of Storm Castle or the sound of the mighty Gallatin river was one of the few respites from the issues and trials of daily life. Removing access to even a part of this wonderful and expansive public land we as citizens of Montana have access to would be not only a tragedy but in my opinion an egregious misstep.

Some of my most valued memories by myself and alone have been in the Spanish Peaks or Absarokas. Backpacking, fishing, and camping are near and dear to me and many of my friends and I would like to see and will push for my children and my children's children to appreciate the same. I hope you will consider what I have said here and all the others who have sent in their stories.

To this high, wide, and handsome place to which I owe so very much.