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Comments:

I am in favor of alternative "D" of the draft plan, as I feel it is the best option to protect the natural ecosystems and wilderness of our beautiful state. This option places an emphasis on preserving wilderness areas, the scenic integrity, and rural parts of the landscape, and it is these most primitive parts of the state that are worth taking steps to care for, as they are Montana's greatest resource. I grew up in Montana, and I keep coming back every year because of the mountains, the hikes, and the views. As a child, I remember being in awe of the peaks, huckleberries, and expansive wilderness during backpacking trips, and I want generations to come to be able to experience the same incredulity at Montana's rich landscape, and to have the luxury of disappearing from civilization and technology for a day hike or a few days. Experiencing it by driving through with a car simply is not the same, and the greatest gift we can give our children and children's children is what little parts of the planet we still have left (mostly) untouched. Montana is one of these wild places. Let's keep it that way.