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Roadless Rule Comment

To Whom It May Concern (Which Should Be All Of Us);

It is a challenge to submit a comment that condenses the complexity of an ecosystem and its philosophy into something succinct and coherent.

I imagine it is also hard to witness, in earnest, the soul of the non-human when the senses are conditioned to register pixels until the mind begs for escape.

Do you ever feel frightfully lost? Trapped and claustrophobic in the boundary of skin that feels like a lie? Like a fly heaving itself against a pane of glass?

Have you ever indulged in empathy for that fly?

Have you mourned your humanity?

Have you immersed yourself into places so wild, so absent modern comfort, that you rediscovered what it means to belong to a body?

Have you ever felt more alive?

There has been a call for comment on a portion of the Earth which is, as we call it, undeveloped. As if it is missing something, incomplete in some kind of inevitable growth.

We discuss, in our English, the experiences of our Senses; the notion of Value; the concept of Culture. Can you feel how insignificant this is? Like that proud berry which glows in the sunshine, alluring in the ripeness of its potential, but dwarfed by the mountainside upon which it grows? Can that berry recognize its irrelevance had not the pollinators come before it? Does it believe that the rain arrives because it is destined to grow? Or is it vulnerable, honored by the nature of its ultimate demise?

The People who speak for this land recognize the limitations of language, and yet transcend its confines through collaborative advocacy and song. The People speak for Our Mother with fragments of her language. The People call for acknowledgment of her sovereignty. The People say no.

I, too, join the chorus and urge you to take no action.

Sincerely,

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