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reasons.

I am a Wyoming Native and resident who enjoys outdoor recreation, and hiking in the wilderness. I have hiked many times in the Bighorn Wilderness area, and I frequent Montana and its national forests. I am a mountain biker, runner, cross country skier, and triathlete. But what I value the most, are wilderness areas which are undisturbed by human activities. I relish the natural habitat for our endemic species.

Wilderness areas are the most cherished places of our land, providing habitat to native fauna and flora. Once they are gone, there is no way to restore them to wilderness condition. Wilderness areas provide ecosystem services which are invaluable to the health of us all, and it is very difficult to put a price tag on these services. This includes carbon sequestration, water infiltration and filtering, cooling temperatures, and soil erosion prevention.