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Comments:

I lived in Bozeman for two years, and visit often for the recreational opportunities the beautiful surrounding areas provide. I am all for conservation, and preserving these areas, however the reason I want these lands preserved is to ENJOY. I try to encompass all types of people when considering the topic of land designation, and in my experience wilderness areas are often lowest on the list for overall enjoyment. A lack of roads, and restriction minimizes the demographic that has the time or ability to actually get there. From my personal experience, Bozeman area has no shortage of wild places for those who want to skin up and enjoy the silence. So, to me it seems the best option is to leave restrictions as they are, or remove designations that restrict access. I have no issues with modern logging as long as there is proper oversight, because forests will grow back in time. However it isn't so easy to remove a wilderness designation if the future population decides they value enjoyment for all over enjoyment for some... I apologize for rambling on, I just want to make it clear that I am all for conservation but not for closures. Things like snowmobile access allow me to safely get into some incredible country without having to spend 3 days hiking in and out. Keep it open guys!!!