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Comments:

I fully support the designation of new wilderness areas in this draft plan. As an avid mountain-biker, hiker, and outdoor enthusiast, I understand the new restrictions this may place on my ability to access the areas in the way I so choose (by mountain bike, for example). However, putting my own selfish desires aside, I place the highest importance on expanding areas with high ecological value and function of ecosystem services, even if I never have the chance to visit them in-person. The notion that we have spaces in this country where ecosystem protection is of highest value is much more important than my need to use that ecosystem for recreational purposes. This is especially critical as our government places more emphasis on energy independence and mineral extraction on our public lands.