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Comments:

I am part of a group of hikers in Big Timber who want to continue to enjoy our beautiful mountain hikes into the future. We call ourselves the Sweet Grass Hikers, and we hike every other Friday from Mid-June through September. Most of us are in our sixties or seventies, and we usually hike no more than seven or eight miles. Some common trails we hike are in the Crazies, from the Two Moon parking area to Twin Lakes, the West Boulder trail to the meadow along the river, the trail along the Stillwater as far as Sioux Charlie Lake, the Green Mountain Trail beginning at the Natural Bridge, the Grouse Creek Trail, the Suce Creek Trail, the Livingston Peak Trail, and the Elephanthead Trail. We rarely have more than eight or ten walkers on any given hike, and we pride ourselves on being as low-impact as possible. We would hate to have access to any of these trails curtailed. There are certainly wild areas that should be kept roadless and perhaps even pathless, but please do not go to the extreme of keeping those of us who perhaps cannot hike 20 miles or cannot afford riding on horseback with an outfitting company from getting to trailheads or hiking on well-marked trails. We love to hike in our beautiful mountains, and I just wanted to be sure that the concerns of dayhikers are not ignored. Thank you.