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Comments:

As someone who grew up in western Montana but currently resides in Billings, Montana, access to mountains is crucial to my mental health, and I know I am not alone. The roadless areas in the Pryors (Lost Water, Big Pryor, Bear Canyon, Punch Bowl) not only provide solace but also give us a place where we can sense what the land might have been like before people arrived. Places like that provide perspective in a world that otherwise changes quickly.

Additionally, the Pryor Mountains and the Crazy Mountains provide habitat to species of plants and animals that ensure that our water keeps flowing without loss to evaporation and erosion. Since I enjoy the food produced by our local farmers and ranchers and would like to see them continue to thrive, it's crucial that we have enough water to support their endeavors.

I also appreciate the cultural significance of these mountains, particularly to the Crow Nation, and it seems like a win-win to preserve these wild lands for all of us. Wilderness that is truly wild benefits everyone in the long run.