

Date submitted (Mountain Standard Time): 4/24/2019 4:18:44 PM

First name: Elaine

Last name: Donovan

Organization:

Title:

Official Representative/Member Indicator:

Address1: 1637 B Ave NW

Address2:

City: Cedar Rapids

State: IA

Province/Region: 22

Zip/Postal Code: 52405-3715

Country: United States

Email: donovaneb@frontier.com

Phone: 3193207687

Comments:

The draft plan has little direction for administering the Absaroka-Beartooth and Lee Metcalf Wildernesses. The current wilderness management plans allows destructively large groups of up to 25 head of stock (horses and mules) and 15 people in most areas. Research shows that impacts increase significantly when group-sizes exceed eight head of stock and 12 people. The Forest Service should reduce group size limits accordingly so as to protect all Wildernesses on the forest from harm. Further, the forest plan should put an end to ecologically destructive fish stocking in naturally fishless wilderness lakes, which significantly alters the areas' natural conditions.