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I am writing to express my love of the quiet solitude of our surrounding recreational areas such as the Crazy Mountains, the Absarokee Beartooths, the Pryors. I look forward to the first chance I have to get into these areas each spring/summer. The quiet solitude, the unmatched wildlife and nature experiences rejuvenate me. If more roads were to be built, this quiet would be disrupted, many of the animals would disappear (by moving or worse).

These wilderness areas are used by many people and are even a draw for tourism. Many of us work in very busy jobs, and in very busy cities. We crave the time without the sounds or traces of motorized vehicles: nature rejuvenates us and centers us.

I have many excellent memories of camping and hiking in these areas. Our family photo albums include many pictures of peaceful times in the forests of Montana, where we could all let the hustle and bustle of our lives disappear, and we could slow down and enjoy quality time with family and with nature. Please protect these areas. They are what Montana is about: mountains, forests, rivers and lakes, and lots of wildlife.