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Comments:

I strongly urge:1. Designation of four Recommended Wilderness Areas in the Pryors to help preserve this special place: Bear Canyon, Big Pryor Mountain, Punch Bowl RWAs, and an enlarged Lost Water Canyon RWA.

2. "Backcountry Areas" designation is weak and inadequate. Wilderness regulations provide important landscape protection.

3. The four Pryors RWAs are a moderate and balanced proposal. Nearly all the existing motorized and bike routes will remain.

4. The Pryor Mountains include landscape and ecosystem types that are underrepresented in the National Wilderness Preservation System - or not represented at all. The Pryor Mountains merit Wilderness designation. Now is the time!

I strongly urge you to Protect Our Public lands, waters, wildlife, health & future! Your attention to this most urgent matter would be much appreciated by all present & future generations of all species.

Thank you

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