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Dear Supervisor Erickson,

I have had the opportunity to spend many weeks working and living with teens in designated Wilderness areas in Region 1. Please have your staff refer to the wilderness management plans for the White Cloud Wilderness as a guide to develop revised sound wilderness management plans for the CG NF.

The Draft Revised Forest Plan is sorely lacking specific wilderness management plans for the Absaroka-Beartooth and Lee Metcalf Wilderness areas. The AB and LM Wilderness Plans that are part of the 1987 Forest Plan need to be revised at this time or within 1-2 years after the Forest Plan is finalized. Please make specific Wilderness Management Plans an additional Objective #02 in Section 2.4.36.

For the most part the Draft Revised Forest Plan only has extremely broad goals, and standards that are applicable to any designated Wilderness. This is extremely and broadly not acceptable!!

The CG NF Plan NEEDS to have management plans that provide clear and unambiguous measurable standards that will be used to monitor and measure any changes to wilderness character in the AB and LM Wilderness Areas for many decades to come.

IN addition to the above, because of increased recreational impacts and pressures on wild areas it is important that the Desired Condition for Pristine Zone 1 areas include specifically trail-less with no system trails.

Also, a standard that specifically prohibits bicycles or other mechanized travel or activities (e.g. drones) within the AB and LM are needed.

Sincerely,

Don Jackson