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Comments:

These comments deal with how the Custer Gallatin Forest Plan should deal with the Pryor Mountains:

* The lands in the Custer Gallatin National Forest are national interest lands, owned by Americans from across the country. The Forest Service often acts as if this National Forest only belongs to local ranchers, loggers, or bikers. The overwhelming national interest in this Forest is to protect all qualifying areas as designated Wilderness.

* Please designate 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.

* The "Backcountry Area" designation is weak and inadequate. Wilderness regulations and wilderness designation provide far better and permanent landscape protection.

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

* 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.