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Hi. My name is Kat and I live in Livingston, MT. I've lived in MT since 1990, first as a graduate student at MSU and now a homeowner in Livingston. I've chosen my life here because of Montana's natural beauty and access to incredible hiking trails untouched by motorized use or bicycles careening down the trail.

I completed my Master's Degree at MSU with 3 years of field work in the Hyalite drainage. I continue to hike and snowshoe all over the Gallatin, the absoraka's and the Lee Metcalf wilderness and the Madison range.

As more and more people access these areas, I understand the difficulty of trying to protect them. But, we must! Not just for our enjoyment, but more importantly for the plants and animals that depend on these ecosystems. With increased usage, fragmentation, and current climate changes we must take into account their future when managing these lands.

Thank you.