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From: Mike Rahl <MRahl@mtrail.com>
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To: Ravalli County Commissioners Office
Subject: WSA
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Dear Commissioners;

Please consider rescinding your letter to Sen. Daines in support of getting rid of the protections afforded to Wilderness Study Areas. Many of your constituents do not support this letter and these areas are essentially wilderness. I recently backpacked in a WSA and it was amazing. Yes, it was hard to get into and yes, not everyone could go who wasn't willing to put a little sweat into getting there. There are very few of these type of places left and we are lucky to have so many in our back yards. There are so many places now where people can do other forms of recreation, mining, and timber extraction(which we all need BTW), why is it necessary to get more in areas that have been essentially wilderness since the 70's. Please see the attached picture of the West Pioneer WSA and reconsider. Thanks for your time.

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