

LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSION WILDERNESS POLL

MAY 1991

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. In May of 1991, Lincoln County facilitated an official poll of county residents in regards to wilderness.
2. The polling places were through the school districts.
3. 50.7% of the eligible voters participated.
4. 86% of the voters were against large additional wilderness areas.
5. It specifically asked voters about continuation of snowmobiling activities in the Ten Lake Wilderness Study Area.
6. 84% of the voters responded YES; maintain snowmobiling activity in the Wilderness Study Area.

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CONGRESS IS CURRENTLY CONSIDERING LEGISLATION THAT, UPON PASSAGE, WOULD DESIGNATE ADDITIONAL PORTIONS OF ROADLESS AREAS WITHIN THE KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST AS CLASSIFIED WILDERNESS AREAS.

SINCE THE MAJORITY OF LAND AREA WITHIN LINCOLN COUNTY'S BORDERS IS KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST LAND, AND SINCE THE MAJORITY OF KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST LANDS ARE WITHIN LINCOLN COUNTY'S BORDERS, IT FOLLOWS THAT PUBLIC LANDS MANAGEMENT DECISIONS AFFECTING MANAGEMENT PRACTICES ON THE KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT THE PEOPLE OF LINCOLN COUNTY.

THE LINCOLN COUNTY COMMISSION, RESPONSIBLE FOR REPRESENTING THE CONCERNS OF ITS CONSTITUENCY, SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING IN ORDER TO BETTER LEARN THE OPINIONS, DESIRES, AND PERCEPTIONS OF SAID CONSTITUENCY.

THE RESULTS OF THIS POLL CARRY NO MANDATE NOR OFFICIALLY AUTHORIZE ANY ACTION OR DECISION AND ARE INTENDED ONLY TO REFLECT THE OPINIONS OF LINCOLN COUNTY RESIDENTS.

SELECT ONLY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS WHICH BEST DESCRIBES YOUR OPINION.
(SELECTING MORE THAN ONE ALTERNATIVE WILL CANCEL YOUR VOTE)

1. I SUPPORT NO ADDITIONAL WILDERNESS ACREAGE ON THE KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST. (0 ADDITIONAL ACRES)
2. I SUPPORT WILDERNESS AREAS AND ACREAGE IN THE KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST AS OUTLINED IN THE "KOOTENAI-LOLO ACCORD" RECOMMENDATION AND AS INTRODUCED IN SB 72. (343,000 ADDITIONAL ACRES)
3. I SUPPORT WILDERNESS AREAS AND ACREAGE GENERALLY AS OUTLINED IN THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE RECOMMENDATION. (116,000 ADDITIONAL ACRES)
4. I SUPPORT WILDERNESS DESIGNATION FOR ALL INVENTORIED ROADLESS AREAS IDENTIFIED ON THE KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST. (446,000 ADDITIONAL ACRES)

PLEASE RESPOND TO EACH OF THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS.

1. I SUPPORT INCLUDING IN ANY WILDERNESS PROPOSAL A WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY FOR DEVELOPMENT OF THAT AREA OF TREASURE MOUNTAIN CURRENTLY BEING STUDIED FOR ITS FEASIBILITY AS A SKI AREA.

YES
NO

2. I SUPPORT THE CONTINUED USE OF SNOWMOBILES WITHIN THE TEN LAKES SCENIC AREA IF SUCH USE IS CARRIED ON IN A REGULATED MANNER COMPATIBLE WITH THE PRESERVATION OF THE WILDERNESS ENVIRONMENT.

YES
NO

3. I SUPPORT INCLUDING IN ANY WILDERNESS PROPOSAL AN EXTENDED WINDOW OF OPPORTUNITY FOR THE PURPOSE OF GATHERING AND ACTING UPON INFORMATION ABOUT MINERAL OR OTHER RESOURCES IF SUCH ACTIVITY IS CARRIED ON IN A MANNER COMPATIBLE WITH THE PRESERVATION OF THE WILDERNESS ENVIRONMENT.

YES
NO

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PRECINCT COUNT LIST

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Reg. Voters

PRECINCT	POLLING PLACE	ELIBIBLE	ABSENTEE	VOTED
1	FORTINE SCHOOLHOUSE			
10	LIBBY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER			
11	MCCRADE SCHOOLHOUSE			
12	LIBBY JR HIGHSCHOOL LIBRARY			
13	PLUMMER SCHOOLHOUSE			
13SH	EUREKA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	1,673	10	920
14	HAPPY'S INN CABIN #4			
14SH	FORTINE SCHOOLHOUSE	293	2	147
15	MCCRADE SCHOOLHOUSE			
15SH	MCCORMICK FIRE HALL	132	3	66
16	ASA WOOD SCHOOLHOUSE			
17	LIBBY CITY HALL			
18	ST. JOSEPH'S PARISH HALL			
19	TROY CITY HALL			
15H	OLD TROY LIBRARY	1,441	12	648
2	YAAK COMMUNITY HALL			
20	MCCORMICK SCHOOLHOUSE			
21	GOLDEN LION MANOR			
22	L.D.S. CHURCH			
23	SEVENTH DAY AUVENTIST SCHOOL			
23SH	SYLVANITE RS BUNKHOUSE 2	51	7	20
24	TROY SENIOR CITIZENS			
24SH	YAAK AMBULANCE BARN	117	15	72
3	BAPTIST CHURCH			
4	TREGO SCHOOLHOUSE			

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4SH	MEMORIAL GYM	5,966	127	2,856
5	EUREKA SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER			
53SH	TRECO SCHOOLHOUSE	226	2	112
6	LINCOLN COUNTY MEETING ROOM			
7	TROY BRANCH LIBRARY			
8	TROY SENIOR CITIZENS CENTER			
9	REXFORD TOWN HALL			
		9,899	178	4,841

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WILDERNESS POLL	NO ADDITIONAL WILDERNESS FOREST SERVICE RECOMMENDATION KOOTENAI ACCORD RECOMMENDATION ALL ROADLESS AREAS	1,487 2,458 501 118
MEASURE MOUNTAIN WINDOW	YES NO	3,579 928
WATER LAKES SNOWMOBILING	YES NO	3,832 719
WATER WINDOW	YES NO	3,690 798