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HB HR4



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HOUSE AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE

RE: HR4

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CHAIRMAN RANDALL & COMMITTEE MEMBERS;

THE BEAVERHEAD OUTDOORS ASSOCIATION REPRESENTS SPORTSMAN, FARMERS RANCHERS AND ALL WHO ENJOY OUTDOOR RECREATION IN BEAVERHEAD COUNTY. WE CURRENTLY HAVE OVER ONE HUNDRED THIRTY MEMBERS.

WE SUPPORT HR4 WHICH WOULD COMMUNICATE TO THE U.S. CONGRESS AND THE PRESIDENT THE MONTANA LEGISLATURE'S OPPOSITION TO THE "FOREST JOBS AND RECREATION ACT".

THE BEAVERHEAD OUTDOORS ASSOCIATION OPPOSED THE 2009 BEAVERHEAD-DEERLODGE FOREST PLAN. WE HAVE OPPOSED SENATOR TESTER'S "FOREST JOBS AND RECREATION ACT" WHEN IT WAS S-1470 IN 2009, S-268 IN 2011 AND NOW S-37 OF 2013. NOTHING IN THIS CURRENT VERSION IS ACCEPTABLE TO OUR MEMBERS. THIS BILL SIMPLY PLACES RESTRICTIONS ON OVER ONE MILLION ACRES OF MONTANA'S PUBLIC LAND. SPECIFIC ISSUES ARE AS FOLLOWS.

FOREST JOBS: IN HIS 2008 DRAFT BARRY BOLLENBACHER ESTIMATED THAT THE B-D HAD 1.6 MILLION ACRES OF BEETLE KILLED TIMBER. S-37 ONLY ALLOWS TREATMENT OF 70,000 ACRES. AT THE PAULTRY RATE OF 5-7,000 ACRES PER YEAR OVER THE FIFTEEN YEAR SUNSET LIMIT IT WOULD TAKE OVER 228 YEARS TO HARVEST WHAT IS DEAD TODAY. WHAT FIRE SEASON WILL NATURALLY TREAT THE REMAINING 1.5 MILLION PLUS ACRES?

THE BILL TASKS THE "SECRETARY" TO FORM ONE OR MORE COLLABORATIVE GROUPS AS A RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE. THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF BEAVERHEAD AND MADISON COUNTIES ARE STILL WAITING FOR SENATOR

TESTER TO NOT ONLY MEET WITH THEM BUT LISTEN TO THEIR CONCERNS. WAS THE LEGISLATURE INVITED TO CONTRIBUTE TO THE CREATION OF THIS BILL?

ALL TIMBER HARVESTS ARE TO BE COMPLETED THROUGH STEWARDSHIP CONTRACTS. UNLESS THE SECURE RURAL SCHOOLS (SRS) ACT IS RENEWED, MONIES RECEIVED FROM THESE CONTRACTS WILL NOT BE ELIGIBLE FOR DISTRIBUTION TO THE COUNTIES WHERE THE CONTRACT IS IMPLEMENTED. IF THIS MONEY IS NOT FORTH COMING TO THE COUNTIES, CAN THE STATE MAKE UP THE SHORTFALL?

THE USE OF PRESCRIBED BURNING IS EXCLUDED AS A TOOL FOR FOREST MANAGEMENT IN THE TREATMENT AREAS. IN A PINE FOREST THE BURNING OF SLASH IS THE MOST ECONOMICAL METHOD OF FOREST REGENERATION. FOR 10,000 YEARS THE NATIVE AMERICAN TRIBES USED FIRE TO REMOVE OLD COURSE GRASSES AND UNDERBRUSH. THE BURNED AREAS WERE RESTORED TO VIBRANT HEALTH.

RECREATION: CAMPGROUND DEVELOPMENT IS PROHIBITED IN THE HIGHLANDS SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA, LOST CREEK RECREATION AREA, THREE RIVERS SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA AND THE RODERICK SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA.

THE "SECRETARY" IS GIVEN UNDUE POWERS TO DECIDE ANY AND ALL ALLOWED ACTIONS IN THE AREAS DESCRIBED WITHIN THE BILL. THE MOST EGREGIOUS IS THE PROVISION THAT THE SECRETARY CAN DETERMINE THE REGULATIONS, POLICIES AND PRACTICES TO BE ALLOWED. THESE REGULATIONS WOULD AFFECT GRAZING ALLOTMENTS AS WELL AS ACCESS TO PRIVATE HOLDING.

WILDERNESS: THIS IS THE ONLY GUARENTEED ASPECT TO THIS BILL. WILDERNESS IS NOT MENTIONED IN THE TITLE. THE IMMEDIATE IMPACT WILL BE 666,264 ACRES OF NEW WILDERNESS, MOST OF WHICH IS IN BEAVERHEAD AND MADISON COUNTIES. AGAIN, THE COUNTY COMMISSIONEERS WERE NEVER CONSULTED. AS I TESTIFY TODAY, SECTIONS OF THE CONTINENTAL DIVIDE SCENIC TRAIL ARE BEING DECOMMISSIONED. ONE OF THE MAJOR MOUNTAIN BIKING TRAILS IN THE U.S. IS LOST TO THE PUBLIC AS WELL AS THE ASSOCIATED TOURIST REVENUES TO THE STATE.

I ONCE AGAIN URGE THE COMMITTEE TO PASS HR4 TO SEND A MESSAGE TO THE U.S. CONGRESS TO STOP THE "FOREST JOBS AND RECREATION ACT". THE PUBLIC LANDS OF MONTANA NEED TO BE MANAGED IN AN ENVIRONMENTALLY SOUND MANNER RATHER THAN BEING LEFT FOR THE 3% OF THE PUBLIC THAT UTILIZE WILDERNESS AREAS. THE 97% OF MONTANANS WHO USE MULTIPLE USE ARE WAITING.

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S-37 PROPOSED WILDERNESS COMPAISONS

PREPARED BY STEVE JENNINGS

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BEAVERHEAD-DEERLODGE NATIONAL FOREST

RECOMMENDED AREA	FOREST PLAN	S-1470	S-268	S-37
ANACONDA-PINTLER (3add)	31,700	56,680	65,407	65,407
ELECTRIC PEAK	5,500	4,653	5,670	5,670
DOLUS LAKE/FLINT RANGE	0	9,397	9,407	9,407
GARFIELD MTN./LIMA PEAKS	34,700	35,120	35,012	35,012
ITALIAN PEAKS	25,300	29,508	29,677	29,677
LEE-METCALF (2add)	15,600	18,950	17,201	17,201
MOUNT JEFFERSON	2,200	4,465	4,465	4,469
QUIGG PEAK	8,500	8,388	8,275	8,275
SNOWCREST	92,000	89,798	91,561	91,561
STONY MOUNTAIN	14,700	14,261	14,213	14,213
TABLE MTN./HIGHLANDS	18,300	20,395	15,659	15,659
TORREY MTN./EAST PIONEERS	73,400	76,775*	77,438*	77,438*
WEST BIG HOLE	0	44,084	44,156	44,156
LOST CABIN	0	5,223	0	0
SAPHIRES	0	53,327	43,101	43,101
WEST PIONEERS	0	25,742	26,560	26,560

LOLO NATIONAL FOREST

BOB MARSHALL/SCAPEGOAT	N/A	71,378	SEE BELOW	
BOB MARSHALL/GRIZZLY BASIN	N/A	7,599	SEE BELOW	
BOB MARSHALL WILDERNESS	N/A	SEE ABOVE	40,072	40,072
SCAPEGOAT	N/A	SEE ABOVE	30,967	30,967
GRIZZLY BASIN	N/A	SEE ABOVE	7,792	7,792
MISSION MOUNTAINS	N/A	4,501	4,460	4,460

KOOTENAI NATIONAL FOREST

RODERICK	N/A	29,869	29,469	29,467
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RECOMMENDED AREA	BLM PLAN	S-1470	S-268	S-37
BLACKTAIL MOUNTAINS	10,586	10,667	10,675	10,675
CENTENIAL MOUNTAINS	23,054	23,256	23,700	23,700
FARLIN CREEK	610	661	MOVED*	MOVED*
RUBY MOUNTAINS	15,615	15,504	16,300	16,300
HUMBERG SPIRES	8,791	8,892	8,900	8,900
EAST FORK-BLACKTAIL MTNS.	0	0	6,125	6,125
TOTAL WILDERNESS	380,556	669,090	666,262	666,264

++ FARLIN CREEK AREA REMOVED FROM BLM AND ADDED TO EAST PIONEER NATIONAL FOREST PROPOSED WILDERNESS AREA.

PROTECTION AREA

LOST CREEK NIP 15,134 CHANGED TO RECREATION AREA DESIGNATION. A NEW CATEGORY OF "SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA" HAS BEEN CREATED IN S-268 WITH SOME FORMER "RECREATION AREAS" MOVED TO THIS NEW LAND DESIGNATION.

RECREATION AREAS

LOST CREEK	NIP	PROTECTION	14,134	14,589
WEST BIG HOLE	NIP	94,237	95,144	95,144
WEST PIONEERS	NIP	129,252	128,361	128,361
THUNDERBOLT CREEK	NIP	22,037	19,641	19,641
THREE RIVERS	NIP	74,274	MOVED TO SPECIAL	
TOBACCO ROOTS	NIP	0	29,186	29,186
OTATSY	NIP	1,271	1,859	1,859

SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREAS

THREE RIVERS	NIP	ABOVE	71,994	71,994
HIGHLANDS	NIP	0	5,011	5,011

RODERICK	NIP	0	3,715	3,715
TOTAL OTHER DESIGNATIONS	NA	366,205	369,045	369,500
TOTAL ACRES AFFECTED	PLANS	S-1470	S-268	S-37
		380,556	1,005,295	1,035,307
			1,035,307	1,035,764

AREAS WITH DUAL NAMES (TORREY MTN./EAST PIONEERS) ARE THOSE AREAS THAT ARE TITLED ONE NAME IN THE FOREST PLAN AND ANOTHER IN THE SENATE BILLS BUT ARE ONE AND THE SAME AREA.

*FARLIN CREEK IS A BLM AREA THAT WILL BE MOVED INTO FOREST JURISDICTION AND ADDED TO THE EAST PIONEER/TORREY MTN. WILDERNESS.

N/A ARE ACREAGES UNDER FOREST PLANS NOT IN MY POSSESSION

NIP ARE ACREAGES THAT ARE NOT IN ANY KNOWN FOREST OR BLM PLAN

NA IS A NUMBER NOT APPLICABLE TO THIS STUDY

Table of Wilderness Visits to Montana National Forests versus Multiple-Use Visits

Forest	All Site Visits (000's)	Wilderness Visits (000's)	Wilderness Visits (%)	Multiple-Use Visits (%)
Beaverhead-Deerlodge	1,377	15	1.09%	98.91%
Bitterroot	731	122	16.69%	83.31%
Custer	845	12	1.42%	98.58%
Flathead	1,514	24	1.59%	98.41%
Gallatin	1,650	46	2.79%	97.21%
Helena	508	3	0.59%	99.41%
Kootenai	1,400	32	2.29%	97.71%
Lewis & Clark	536	26	4.85%	95.15%
Lolo	1,494	24	1.61%	98.39%
Total	10,055	304	3.02%	96.98%

http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/programs/nvum/revise_vis_est.pdf