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From: Liz Tuohy
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To whom it may concern at the BLM;

Thank you for all the work you have done on the Resource Management Plan. My family and friends have had the honor of filling out quite a few surveys in Sinks Canyon, Wild Iris, and I believe Beaver Creek regarding recreational usage. I know that this represents many hours and much dedication on the part of your staff. In all of these areas I support keeping mountain bikes (including mine) to existing trails, and to restricting motorized use.

From the reading that I have done concerning the plan, I heartily support the preferred option, Alternative D.

In particular, it was great to see many of the areas where I run, bike, hike and rock climb up for what I am interpreting as more protection for non-motorized recreation. Those areas include Johnny Behind the Rocks, The Bus at Baldwin Creek, and Beaver Creek Ski Area. These are places where I spend many of my weekends.

In addition, the area in the Sweetwater River Corridor, between Muddy Gap, up through Sweetwater Rocks, and beyond, is very near and dear to my heart. I learned to rock climb out there, and still go back to climb, mountain bike, look for tadpoles, watch sage grouse and white pelicans, and generally “feel Wyoming”. I appreciate the proposed closures in these areas to oil and gas development, and the buffer zone that includes visual impacts, which I believe is connected to the National Historical Trails. If I have any input to change the preferred option, it would be to increase the wildlife protections in the Sweetwater drainage between Muddy Gap and 50 miles or so upstream of Sweetwater Rocks.

The area in the Absarokas near Dubois is special to my heart. I can't find the notes that I took when researching the plan, but there is a section here that I can't quite remember, but that I was *very* pleased to see the level of restraint that the preferred alternative puts on oil and gas development. I think that it is the section of the Du Noir drainage that abuts the USFS, but again, I can't find my notes right now. I apologize for my lack of detail and am hopeful that the area to which I refer is obvious.

Finally, I spend more time in Sinks Canyon than in any other natural setting. I rock climb, walk my dog, ski, pull my kid around in a sled, hope to run a summer camp for kindergarteners, cut down Christmas trees, camp, reflect by the river, mountain bike, road bike, and try to avoid rattle snakes, all in one relatively small stretch of

canyon that I consider part of my home. I appreciate all efforts in the canyon to continue restricting motorized use except in a few areas.

Thank you very much for being open to comments.

I know it's been a tremendous amount of work and I appreciate your efforts.

Sincerely,

Liz Tuohy