

ENVIROS INCREASE EFFORTS WILDERNESS ON BNF Why you should care!

Many of our readers will recall the huge push in recent months by wilderness proponents to increase Wilderness acreage which would negatively impact other multiple use interests on the Bighorn NF.

This effort has not ceased. The Wyoming Wilderness Association is focusing hard in the Buffalo and Kaycee areas to garner support and apply pressure to elected officials to call for designation of the Rock Creek area.

We invite you to check out this website: www.wildwyo.org

If you click on the Rock Creek link you'll get an eyeful.

We ask that you write in opposition to more Wilderness using your own words. Nothing fancy or belligerent—just simple and honest. Original letters get more attention than standard form letters. This is a fact of public input!

You can do this by going to our website: www.guardiansoftherange.org and click on ISSUES. You will find e-mail, phone and addresses to the elected officials who are in the Wilderness crosshairs. Please write to them expressing your opposition.

Why care? Because the reality is that all strategies, techniques, propaganda that are ultimately successful in any one push for more Wilderness can and will be used in your area---on both USFS and BLM lands. Wyoming has more than its share of designated Wilderness. Our remaining public lands should remain open to responsible multiple use management.

Help to keep the full voice and strength of Multiple Use and Sustained Yield alive. Please recognize your personal responsibility to help defend public lands against more restrictions by writing in opposition to the Rock Creek proposed wilderness designation.

Talking Points to Consider

(Please express them from your heart and in your words as much as possible.)

- **It is unnecessary. Past and current management has and will continue to protect this area.**
- **No threat by ATV abuse has been demonstrated – false threat.**
- **Not \$1 more will be available to protect this area per the Bighorn NF. The designation will only attract greater use.**
- **Grazing permit will be MARGINALIZED not removed; this will, however, result in higher costs to the permittee to manage the allotment.**
- **Wolves are confirmed on the BNF. They will only increase and response to predation will be greatly impeded by a Wilderness designation.**
- **Trails will not be kept open so easily as proponents claim.**
- **This designation will only serve to make the general public see ranchers as elite people who are given special privileges to run livestock up there. The concept of 'grandfathered in' is something many in the general public will soon forget, and others will have no idea about. This 'lost awareness' will only serve to convict ranchers in the court of public opinion as 'elitists who bully elected officials to give them special privileges. This is unfair.**

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