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Field Representative for Congressman Greg Gianforte

Dear Lesley,

This letter is in response to your inquiry concerning Valley County's position on BLM Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs) that were found by BLM to be not suitable for wilderness designation. In Valley County, the Bitter Creek WSA (59,600 acres) was found not suitable for wilderness designation; but has been maintained in Wilderness Study status since then.

The Valley County Commissioners recommend that Congress enact BLM's recommendation to release the Bitter Creek WSA from Wilderness Study status. This is consistent with Valley County policy since the original wilderness study in 1979, and also mirrors MACO policy. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Bruce Peterson
Chairman, County Commissioner

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Paul Tweten, Member

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John Fahlgren, Member