

# Designated Areas

## Helena and Lewis & Clark National Forests, Forest Plan Revision

### Overview

Specially designated areas include:

- Congressionally designated wilderness
- Montana wilderness study act areas
- Wild and scenic rivers
- Nationally significant trails
- Elkhorns Wildlife Management Unit
- Recommended wilderness areas
- Inventoried Roadless Areas
- Research Natural Areas
- Nationally significant caves
- Kings Hill National Forest scenic byway



### What's Changed Since 1986?

- The 2015 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA) included language from the Rocky Mountain Front Heritage Act, adding acres to the Bob Marshall and Scapegoat Wilderness Areas and establishing a Conservation Management Area.
- The 2001 Roadless Area Conservation Rule established the boundaries and acreages of Inventoried Roadless Areas and established management direction for these areas.
- The 2009 Continental Divide National Scenic Trail (CDNST) Comprehensive Plan established direction for the development and management of the CDNST.

### What Needs to Change in the Forest Plan?

- Conduct a wilderness inventory and evaluation to determine potential recommended wilderness areas for the revised forest plan.
- Conduct a Wild and Scenic Rivers eligibility study and include in the revised forest plan.
- Include the final acreages and direction from the 2015 NDAA regarding additional wilderness acreage and the Conservation Management Area
- Include direction for the management of the CDNST National Recreation Trails as well as the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail.



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