

Objection Issue Briefing Paper: Other Designated Areas – Badger-Two Medicine, Elkhorn Wildlife Management Unit, Continental Divide National Scenic Trail

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DRAFT: For purposes of facilitating discussion for objection resolution process only.

Summary of objection issues:

1. Objectors contend that several plan components for the Badger-Two Medicine area were modified or removed from the selected alternative without explanation
2. Objectors request additional (or clarify existing) plan components to focus on wildlife in the Elkhorn Wildlife Management Unit
3. Objectors contend plan components do not protect the nature and purposes of the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail and the plan fails to map the trail corridor.

Background information:

The Badger Two Medicine was designated a Traditional Cultural District in 2013. The National Historic Preservation Act, Executive Orders 13175 (Tribal Consultation) and 13007 (Sacred Sites) and Forest Service Manuals 2360 and 1560 require consultation with tribal governments prior to the authorization of activities in the area. Plan components do not repeat law, regulation, or policy.

Early public input requested continuation of the 1986 Forest Plan's direction in the Elkhorn Wildlife Management Unit. Thus, the plan components for the area are based on 1986 plan direction, with updates to meet the requirements of the 2012 Planning Rule. Desired conditions for the area prioritize wildlife habitat management.

In 2016, The Continental Divide National Scenic Trail Coordinator worked with partners and Forests across four Regions to develop a template of plan components to assist with plan revision. The purpose of the template was to provide a consistent management framework along the trail's length to begin unit-specific public engagement. The plan components in the 2020 Revised Forest Plan are aligned with the baseline template, although adjustments have been made based on the Forest's unique needs, conditions, and public input.

Initial designated area maps provided with the draft Record of Decision did not include the Continental Divide National Scenic Trail corridor. Corrected maps were posted on the Forest's website a few days into the objection period.



Summary of proposed resolution(s) submitted by objectors:

1. Objectors suggest adding standards included in the draft plan (B2M-STD-02) to the final plan. They request a justification for the changes to the Badger Two Medicine plan components in the final record of decision.
2. Objectors requested changing some guidelines to standards and/or modifications to plan component text to provide as strong wildlife management criteria as offered by the 1986 plan, which established the Elkhorn Wildlife Management Unit.
3. Objectors suggested a number of modifications or additions to the plan components for the Continental Divide Scenic Trail and contend a supplemental environmental impact statement is needed to evaluate additional alternatives using the suggested plan components.

Objectors/Interested Persons:

| Name | Organization | Objector/Interested Person |
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| Mike Anderson | The Wilderness Society | Interested Person |
| Ted Anderson | | Objector |
| Zach Angstead | Montana Wilderness Association | Objector |
| Lisa Bay | | Objector |
| Greg Beardslee | Montana Mountain Bike Alliance | Objector |
| Jodi Bishop | | Objector |
| Dean Blomquist | Golden Valley County | Interested Person |
| Clifford Bove | | Objector |
| James Bradley | | Objector |
| Blake Busse | The Pew Charitable Trusts | Interested Person |
| Maryalice Chester | | Objector |
| Al Christophersen | Elkhorn Restoration Committee | Objector |
| Emily Cleveland | | Objector |
| Eric Clewis | Montana Wildlife Federation | Objector |
| Joe Cohenour | Elkhorn Working Group | Objector |
| Dave Colavito | | Objector/Interested Person |
| Camille Consolvo | | Objector |
| Sarah Corse | | Objector |
| Michele Dieterich | | Objector |
| Hilary Eisen | Winter Wildlands Alliance | Interested Person |
| Kendall Flint | Two Medicine Family | Interested Person |
| Mark Good | | Objector |



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| Patrick Grace | | Objector |
| Randy Gray | | Objector |
| Joseph Gregory | East Glacier Holdings, LLC | Interested Person |
| Peter Guynn | | Objector |
| Bill Hallinan | | Objector/Interested Person |
| Hank Hudson | | Objector |
| Charley Karinen | | Objector |
| Rick Kerr | | Interested Person |
| Michael Korn | | Interested Person |
| Jeff Lonn | | Objector |
| Jennifer Loomis | Helena Public Schools/ University of Montana Western Adjunct Professor | Objector |
| Sarah Lundstrum | National Parks Conservation Association | Objector |
| JS Mercenier | | Objector |
| Peter Metcalf | Glacier Two Medicine Alliance | Objector/Interested Person |
| David Murnion | | Objector |
| Harvey Nyberg | | Objector |
| Connie O'Conner | | Objector |
| Deb O'Neill | Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks | Interested Person |
| Denny Palmer | | Interested Person |
| Jordan Reeves | The Wilderness Society | Objector |
| Bonnie Rice | Sierra Club | Objector |
| Gail and John Richardson | | Objector |
| Tom Ross | | Objector |
| Eric Sivers | Montana Bicycle Guild | Interested Person |
| Anthony Smith | | Objector |
| Patti Steinmuller | | Objector |
| Dan Struble | | Objector |
| John Tubbs | Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation | Interested Person |
| Greg Warren | | Objector |



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| Gordon Whirry | | Objector |
| Zach Winestine | | Objector |
| George Wuerthner | | Objector |

