

http://www.bozemandailychronicle.com/opinions/letters_to_editor/logging-project-puts-recreation-wildlife-at-risk/article_c1cd4aec-cb03-5fcd-b83c-4fe56b9c7013.html

Logging project puts recreation, wildlife at risk

By Andrew and Mandy Brooks Jun 19, 2016

Tired of seeing surveys on articles? Become a subscriber!

[Log In](#)

or

[Subscribe](#)

As one of Bozeman's most southern residents with the Limestone Creek passing through our property, we are extremely concerned about the "Limestone West Timber Sale Project" that's proposing to log much of the state lands south of Bozeman.

Our family and countless friends are recreational users of these public state lands. We enjoy much of this proposed area for hiking and biking, as well as viewing the vast amount of our wildlife, including bald eagles, deer, bobcats, elk, moose, mountain lions, bears and many other animal species found in this proposed logging area.

It's very important that all Bozeman citizens know that this proposed logging area, Limestone/Nichols Creek area, are the last forested areas south of Bozeman without roads. This habitat is critical to the sustainability of our wildlife as it provides food, water, cover, as well as the necessary area to raise the future wildlife around Bozeman. The old growth forest of Douglas fir and lodgepole pine provides elk habitat for one of the largest elk herds in the area, as well as unmatched in its diversity and ecological value. Furthermore, this habitat provides one of the greatest recreational opportunities for our rapidly growing city. However, if logged it would have a negative impact on not only the view-scape of our city, as well as our considerable tourism-based economy.

We want to encourage all Bozeman residents that are recreational users, hunters or enjoyers of these priceless state lands to attend the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation public meeting on June 23 from 7-9 p.m. at the Bozeman Unit Office, 2273 Boot Hill Court, #110, Bozeman.

Andrew and Mandy Brooks

Bozeman