



Letter: Wilderness advocates oppose reasonable ideas

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It breaks my heart when I see so much hate coming from the usually soft-spoken, upper-class, overeducated wilderness community. I really feel that they have lost their focus.

Originally, they were selling the idea that the pristine mountains should remain as they were in 1950. They now want them returned to what they looked like in 1850, only they want it on their terms. Based on what I've seen, next they'll want paved parking areas, hookups for their million-dollar RVs, and the only roads should be smooth enough for their BMWs to maneuver without scraping the undercarriage.

I am seeing more compromise by the motorized community who seem to at least be trying to make the best of a bad situation. Their compromises are reasonable considering the circumstances. I believe I've heard them say Option B.

I've been going to the Pryors for so many years I can't remember when exactly was the first. I bring my family fossil hunting, bird-watching, camping. We usually drive in as far as our 1977 Ford Bronco will take us, and then we hike, picnic or just sit and enjoy the Pryor Mountains as they are today, 2007.

The problem in the Pryors is not the roads. It's the people who drive off them. The answer is in enforcement and stiff fines for going off-road. If, for example, you had a \$1,000 fine, and they take your vehicle, that might work.

Think about it, which legacy would you like to leave for your children?

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