



Letter: Pryors Coalition backs balanced plan

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Thanks to The Billings Gazette for providing a forum for discussion of important community issues. During the last several weeks numerous letters have been published expressing a wide range of views about management of the Pryor Mountains. All these letters are collected and available at www.pryormountains.org under "News and Links."

We believe most people who read these letters and review the Vision at the Web site will agree that the Pryors Coalition's proposal is a moderate compromise.

It won't satisfy extremes at either end of the spectrum. It is a balance that respects all users, reduces conflict between motorized recreation and traditional, quiet uses of the land - and protects natural resources.

The Pryor Mountains are a truly unique place belonging to all of us. Poorly managed, skyrocketing motorized use of this fragile land threatens the very things that make it special.

The Pryors Coalition proposes abundant opportunity for motorized access to the spectacular landscape - and places for walkers, mountain bikers, horse riders, bird, flower and wildlife watchers and others to escape the rush and commotion of the city to the quiet hush and solitude of a Montana treasure.

Please visit the Web site, view photos of this marvelous area, and learn about the proposals - then send your views to Custer National Forest before the Dec. 19 comment deadline. Make this your Christmas gift to the future.

Encourage the Forest Service to adopt the Pryors Coalition Vision protecting the quality of life in this region for our great-grandchildren.

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