22 June 2007

I am writing to express my concern about the plan to reopen a quarry on Bitterroot National Forest land up Lost Horse Creek. In my opinion, Lost Horse Creek is one of the most beautiful canyons on the forest and it is unique in having a road that penetrates deep into the wilderness. This combination of circumstances results in heavy recreational use in both the summer and winter months. The quarry in question has been unused for many years and is at the gateway of this wonderful area, several miles up a poor gravel road. Industrial gravel production at this site would have severe adverse consequences for recreational users, as well as the abundant wildlife in the area.

I hope that a more appropriate site can be located, because preserving this lovely canyon should be a high priority for the BNF.

Thank you for your consideration,.

Sincerely,

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