

US Forest Service Wilderness Study Areas in Montana

Name	Location	Size (acres)	Notes	Daines WSA Release Bill	
				In Bill?	Acreage
West Pioneers	border of Idaho, west of Dillon	151,000	largest remaining roadless area in southwest Montana; superb elk habitat; flows into Wise River and Big Hole River	Yes	151,000
Sapphires	Sapphire Range is just below the peaks of the Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness	94,000	lower elevation habitat for Anaconda-Pintler Wilderness; lakes; flows into Rock Creek and Bitterroot River	Yes	94,000
Middle Fork Judith River	East slopes of the Little Belt Mountains, 40 miles southeast of Great Falls	81,000	encompasses the Middle and Lost Forks of the Judith River; contains over 29 miles of rivers and tributaries	Yes	81,000
Hyalite-Porcupine-Buffalo Hd	East of the Lee Metcalf Wilderness near Bozeman	155,000	houses Yellowstone elk herd; flows into Gallatin and Yellowstone Rivers	No	
Blue Joint	Bitterroot Range high on the Idaho-Montana border	32,500	bighorn sheep, elk, deer, pine marten, and black bear; flows into West Fork Bitterroot River	Yes	32,500
Big Snowy Mountains	South of Lewistown	91,000	prairie mountain range; replenish underground aquifers and springs	Yes	91,000
Ten Lakes	Northeast of Eureka	34,000	lots of types of large mammals; Galton and Whitefish Ranges	No	
	TOTAL	638,500		TOTAL	449,500