

**America's Great Outdoors
Comments From Comment Cards**

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President Obama launched a national conversation about conservation in America at the White House Conference on the Great Outdoors on April 16, 2010. The President understands that protecting and restoring the lands and waters that we love and reconnecting people to the outdoors must happen at the local level. Therefore, President Obama directed the principal leaders of the Initiative to travel across the country to listen and learn from people directly involved in finding grassroots solutions to conserve our lands, waterways, historical and cultural resources and to reconnect Americans with the Outdoors. The President indicated that the sessions should engage the full range of interested groups, including tribal leaders, farmers and ranchers, sportsmen, community park groups, foresters, youth groups, businesspeople, educators, State and local government, recreation and conservation groups and others. The President placed a special priority on engaging with America's youth. Below are comments from the comment cards collected at the Listening Session. Please feel free to use the ideation tool at <http://ideas.usda.gov/ago/ideas.nsf/> if you would like to share your thoughts.

Comment Card Questions:

1. What are the most critical conservation challenges facing our nation today?
2. What are the best strategies to address these challenges?

Source of Comments	Organization	Comment (Verbatim for Comment Cards)
Comment Card Challenges Question	CBU	With the extreme beetle kill in our forests we need to allow logging and cleanup before the fires. Montanans need to be employed -- keep jobs available for us.
Comment Card Strategies Question	CBU	We need land management -- don't close off the forests -- they won't be here for future generations -- they will die out. There needs to be a balance -- all things in moderations. Thanks!
Comment Card Challenges Question	CBU	Beetles kill in our forests. Allow logging and cleanup. Keep jobs available for Montana workers.
Comment Card Strategies Question	CBU	<u>Manage</u> the land: don't just forget them. Make use of local resources and small groups available in each community.
General Comments	Candidate House District 100	I'll be curious to see what this actually accomplishes -- No new Nat'l Monuments

Comment Card Challenges Question	Candidate House District 100	The National Debt -- the Federal Government cannot afford to do this.
Comment Card Strategies Question	Candidate House District 100	Turn Federal lands in Montana over to State control.
General Comments	Sierra Club MT Chapter	<p>I would like to comment that any change on public lands will need to involve Congress traditionally Congressional representatives from Western States have been challenged to advance meaningful conservation legislation. Because Congress hold (sic) the purse strings for Federal land management agencies it is imperative that they act for the public interest. The other reason Congress is necessary is that agency bureaucrats are not directly accountable to the public as they are appointed not elected. If we as a nation are to take meaningful step towards conservation we must make our agencies more accountable to the people and that must be done through (?) Congress. Public land laws need to reflect the public's views and that means Congress must be involved. I hope we can conserve America's public lands for future generations.</p>

<p>General Comments</p>	<p>University of Montana Malta, MT</p>	<p>1) I believe the Federal governments (sic) need to consider local, rural Americans before developing National Monuments. These individuals are some of the most connected to the landscape and are already working to manage the land. Instead of supporting programs that would take control away from these individuals, promote programs that provide incentives to them for conservation. In my experience, locals are conservation minded but also need to provide for themselves and their community. 2) Expand programs such as NRCS's Conservation Innovation Grants program and make them more accessible to ranchers and landowners.</p>
<p>General Comments</p>	<p>Public Historian</p>	<p>I propose that the National Park Service boost its mass transit initiative to a high profile by taking a few selected parks and making them public transit access only (i.e. no cars). The NPS has an educational function as well as a stewardship/leadership mission and could promote mass transit as a national good. Glacier NP could be a pilot. Railroad connections could be revitalized. A carefree coing-to-the-Sub (?) Road could be a new national treasure.</p>
<p>Comment Card Challenges Question</p>	<p>Montana Conservation Corporation</p>	<p>I think the most critical conservation challenge is simply moving people outside, encouraging with a full on local media (to tailor to that areas need) to get their hands dirty to build a sense of pride. Throwing money or votes, or just a warning will die without active hands.</p>

Comment Card Strategies Question	Montana Conservation Corporation	I like the idea of say a spring kick off front page local fair booth weekend where family and friends could attend a buffet of volunteer sessions that are explained (?) and developing.
General Comments	Montana Conservation Corporation	This is the first time I've attended such a meeting, but it surely got me thinking about these challenges, so thank you for the opportunity. I felt it all went well.
General Comments	Landscape Architect	There is a need to re-staff each Federal agency involved with public lands with Landscape Architects! Our profession can greatly help to connect people and their needs to this great land of ours!
Comment Card Challenges Question	Landscape Architect	The need to engage all children (K-12) in an understanding and appreciation of their natural environment. Schools can be designed with environmental school yards for use by the students.
Comment Card Strategies Question	Landscape Architect	Better Federal agency coordination of these efforts: <u>funding!</u>

General Comments	Montana Conservation Corporation	<p>The service-learning model that is currently being incorporated into public education in many of our nations' schools systems will be a valuable asset in providing youth with outdoor experiences and personal investment in conservation. Service-learning should emphasize public lands and/or private local farms, nurseries, and other outdoor usages in order to create a culture that is not driven by technology alone. It is a necessity to have this type of individual engagement with the lands/outdoors/natural environments in order to harbor a community that will contribute to their conservation in the future.</p>
Comment Card Challenges Question	Self	<p>The federal withdrawal of natural resources that are vitally necessary to sustain the basic quality of life in the U.S.A.</p>
Comment Card Strategies Question	Self	<p>Enact legislation that holds those who challenge industry in court to <u>pay</u> their own legal fees and to pay <u>all</u> costs when they lose in court. Loser, pay.</p>
General Comments	Self	<p>The US is headed for difficult times if we continue to abstract natural resource industries from producing these resources. We are at the mercy of other countries for our energy (oil) we will soon be not importers of hard mineral commodities. Why hasn't a meeting planned on the east side of MT, the largest population is not considered in Montana (sic).</p>

General Comments	NA	I am elated with the "know your farmer, know your food" -- type initiatives springing up all over the nation. I would like to see programs as well that promote local natural resources. I am active with a group called "Local Wood is Good" which is trying to promote use of locally harvested and processed wood products. It would be neat if we could replicate efforts like this, modeled after Know Your Farmer Know Your Food, around the country.
General Comments	National Wildlife Federation	Conservation requires secure funding. Aittmaro(sp?)-Robertson and Dingell-Johnson is an excise tax on sporting equipment (sic) that has worked very well. Need to expand approach to include other species through a mechanism like the teaming with wildlife initiative of the 1990s -- try again!
Comment Card Challenges Question	National Wildlife Federation	Climate change is a challenge on all levels -- environmental, economic, health, social, equity, agriculture, national security, etc.
Comment Card Strategies Question	National Wildlife Federation	There must be a way to reduce use of fossil fuels that add greenhouse gases to the atmosphere -- best way is a carbon tax.

General Comments	Montana Chapter Backcountry Hunters and Anglers	<p>1) Protect roadless lands (IRAs) from motorized uses, especially use created routes and conversion of hiking and horseback trails to off-road vehicle uses. Use RARE II inventory of existing routes as only motorized routes to continue as motorized routes. 2) Better enforcement of unauthorized ORV uses including 1) more in-field law enforcement 2) streamline and better communication with Federal court judges on meaningful court actions to deter violations 3) give citizen vehicle identification regulations to aid law enforcement 4) careful selection of routes that discourages illegal uses.</p>
Comment Card Challenges Question	Montana Chapter Backcountry Hunters and Anglers	<p>1) Protection of public lands from motorized abuses 2) Protection and restoration of intact ecosystems including fragmentation 3) Noxious weed invasions 4) Protection of water quality</p>
Comment Card Strategies Question	Montana Chapter Backcountry Hunters and Anglers	<p>1) Protection of roadless lands from motorized uses permanently 2) Better ORV law enforcement 3) Better coordination on administrative and judicial on ORV law enforcement 4) More use of fire in fire dependent ecosystems</p>
General Comments	NA	<p>1) Fire is fire, and it should only be fought to save structures. 2) Have the flexibility to make common sense regulations that allow everyone to enjoy, use their lands. Regulations for hiking trails/road users do not need to be strong as those for logging, and other activities that can potentially cause more damage.</p>

<p>Comment Card Challenges Question</p>	<p>NA</p>	<p>The scientific fact of global warming means that we don't know today what we will be conserving for tomorrow. Our habitats are changing so quickly that fighting to save a piece of land today doesn't guarantee that it will be protected. Saving land may be an obsolete idea.</p>
<p>Comment Card Strategies Question</p>	<p>NA</p>	<p>Our soils, forests, and open lands are places where carbon is fixed and sequestered. Carbon budgets should be studies to encourage sequestration on all open and conservation lands.</p>
<p>General Comments</p>	<p>Montana Chapter of the Sierra Club</p>	<p>Regarding this forum and format: I strongly feel that is there is an agenda (and questions that the Fed would like to see addressed by the public); we should stick to it. The Forum should not be a place to air petty grievances about local issues. There should be about over-arching issues and values.</p>
<p>Comment Card Challenges Question</p>	<p>Montana Chapter of the Sierra Club</p>	<p>Climate change -- lands must be managed to provide resilience and connectivity for threatened and endangered species as their climates change. Impactive human activities should be minimized in order to allow this resilience to expand unhindered.</p>
<p>Comment Card Strategies Question</p>	<p>Montana Chapter of the Sierra Club</p>	<p>Remove roads, limit off-highway vehicle use, stronger/enforced travel plans; more/better monitoring. More wilderness.</p>
<p>Comment Card Challenges Question</p>	<p>Blackfoot Challenge</p>	<p>Support for local products to sustain rural communities and providing opportunities to keep folks on the landscape being working (sic), active and good land stewards on their lands. Make good choices economically feasible.</p>

<p>Comment Card Strategies Question</p>	<p>Blackfoot Challenge</p>	<p>Place the right people on the ground. Community-led conservation where the people are part of the decision-making and solutions so they feel they have a stake and that their input is valued.</p>
<p>General Comments</p>	<p>Blackfoot Challenge</p>	<p>Funding for schools to engage in outdoor education -- equipment (sic), bus money and substitute teachers. Practical programs that help keep working landscapes intact. More local resource (sic) managers. We have unfilled positions in our State, Federal and county positions and the employed are spread too thin.</p>
<p>General Comments</p>	<p>University of Montana, Flathead Leake Biological Station Crown Managers Partnership (CMP)</p>	<p>Recommendations to Federal Govt: 1) (\$) support existing cross-jurisdictional partnerships, such as the <u>crown mangers partnerships</u> whose mission is to "achieve/maintain an ecologically healthy crown of the continent." 2) think <u>big</u> about scale of crown of the continent 3) <u>uphold</u> our iconic federal laws --> <u>ESA</u>, <u>Clean Water Act</u>, list new endangered species e.g. wolverine 4) protect our <u>water quality</u> and riparian areas, use this to prioritize conservation efforts, including <u>headwaters</u> of rivers and streams 5) support local citizen efforts to protect <u>water quality</u> through growth planning and zoning 6) complete Montana and Idaho road less review and designate wilderness 7) (4) support objective science from academic institutions 8) don't be bullied by the loud anti-conservation minority</p>

General Comments	Monfarm Conservation Corps	The Conservation Corps efforts around the country are working! The MCC serves hundreds of youth (14-17 and 18-30) annually, engaging them in meaningful projects enhancing the public's land. Keep the investment in Corps strong. My comment is to provide opportunity for young people, who are stewards of the environment to enter a career path with our land management agencies. Too many quality people toil in seasonal work for federal agencies and give up their career as public servants because there are no or relatively few opportunities for permanent employment.
General Comments	NA	There is a need to balance conservation and people being able to make a living. Timber Industry, mining and farming and ranching must be a consideration. Thank you for listening.
Comment Card Challenges Question	NA	Not all people are capable of hiking for miles and miles to get into the forest. I think we need roads in the forest, I don't think the forest should be reserved just for a small group of people.
Comment Card Strategies Question	NA	Some roads need to be left open.
Comment Card Challenges Question	The Watershed Education Network	getting families out camping -- free recreation use on our forest lands. Supporting education for youth of all ages about the outdoors and the environment
Comment Card Strategies Question	The Watershed Education Network	Fund youth conservation corps, conservation corps for youth. Education changes to prioritize environmental/outdoor education

General Comments	The Watershed Education Network	We must look at facilitating outdoor experiences without schools -- there is a conflict in the current No Child Left Behind legislation and required testing and more testing is preventing and eliminating field trip opportunities for teachers and students. We need to prioritize science, field-based research and other content areas such as language arts (writing), fine arts (painting, ceramics) and music-blended with outdoor experiences.
Comment Card Challenges Question	NA	Slow down and stop the global warming. Change the priority from resource exploitation to resource sustainability.
Comment Card Strategies Question	NA	Stop mining coal and shift to nuclear power. Quit subsidizing cattle raising and emphasize plant foods. Put more lands into national monuments.
General Comments	City of Boise Parks and Recreation	Instead of land exchanges between open land parcels look at land exchanges between infill urban parcels or building and undeveloped open space land.
Comment Card Challenges Question	Student Conservation Association	Availability for people in more urban areas. Outdoor experiences are not within reasonable distances and those that are are not communicated. Unless individuals have the means to travel, they can't be experienced. Partnering with regional programs/parks to give people incentives to participate in parks/outdoors.

<p>General Comments</p>	<p>SCA Americorps</p>	<p>Keeping youth active in programs outdoors is very important, but also having multiple agencies (government and NGOs) collaborate on various outdoor service/recreation projects is important as well. Participating in the residential program with the SCA, AmeriCorps, and the National Forest Service has given us a chance to work on multiple projects and learn a multitude of skills to use for the future. I feel much more connected/responsible to the land from completing the various projects. I live close to SF in California and it is a huge change for me to come out here and experience the outdoors. I am very grateful for the collaboration and enthusiasm from the various agencies in teaching us land stewardship and passion for the environment.</p>
<p>General Comments</p>	<p>MSU extension forestry</p>	<p>To keep people connected with the Nations natural resources three things must be provided: 1) Access for all -- not only backpackers 2) Ability to do -- work -- have a stake in projects, local natural resources industry -- sawmills that provide more funding for conservation than any other group 3) Liability reform: landowners cannot be held liable for everybody that uses their land!</p>
<p>General Comments</p>	<p>Montana Bowhunters Association and Backcountry hunters and Anglers and Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation</p>	<p>I hope the Federal Government will follow and support John Tester's Forest Bill -- and not follow in the misguided path of the Wolf Reintroduction Program. That last program has been a disaster for ranchers and hunters in Montana!</p>

General Comments	MT State Parks	Funding for LWCF and other programs would help. Transportation Department support for trails needs expansion.
Comment Card Challenges Question	MT State Parks	Fragmentation of open space eliminates access and confounds land management without "access" kids can not develop a connection with the outdoors.
Comment Card Strategies Question	MT State Parks	Get support to local level, \$, agency authority, tax incentives. Allow latitude to agencies to make local decisions.
Comment Card Challenges Question	Confederated Salish and Kootenan Tribes of the Flathead Indian Reservation Montana	As a real American Indian, the real people! Protection of sacred sites has been very difficult to produce real protection. Often government to government consultation fall to the way side, because of miss-directed (sic) policy's (sic) and real decisions get lost to give the grassroots people a chance on the decision-making.
Comment Card Strategies Question	Confederated Salish and Kootenan Tribes of the Flathead Indian Reservation Montana	When a agreed upon Executive Order is handed down from the Great White Father in D.C. that is thoroughly followed.
General Comments	Confederated Salish and Kootenan Tribes of the Flathead Indian Reservation Montana	American Indians of the Great state of Montana have many significant sites. These sites need continued protection. Many are within Federal lands, MT. St. lands and private lands. Suggested partnership (sic) is strengthening the present MT St. Antiquities Act of 1903. Agencies loosening contract language, Ex. are of potential effect (APE). This has and is constraining vital information that can be shared by the tribes and the general public.

<p>Comment Card Challenges Question</p>	<p>UM Climate Action NOW (UMCAN)</p>	<p>1) Getting youth into wilderness, I think my generation is not as connected with the land as previous generations. 2) Keep working farmlands available for farming and not development.</p>
<p>Comment Card Strategies Question</p>	<p>UM Climate Action NOW (UMCAN)</p>	<p>1) For youth I believe there should be more programs like the CCC to help improve our natural areas and help youth get outside. 2) Start saving critical farmland but allow farming/farming program.</p>
<p>General Comments</p>	<p>UM Climate Action NOW (UMCAN)</p>	<p>I am really impressed by this Administration's outreach. It was great to have "DC" come and listen to Montana. There was some great ideas presented at these listening sessions. I also am pleased that there is also a special youth session. I think it is great to talk to youth because we will be the ones impacted by these decisions.</p>
<p>Comment Card Challenges Question</p>	<p>Land Trust Alliance</p>	<p>Conversion of agricultural lands. Unplanned (sic) growth eating up important conservation resources such as wildlife habitat, scenic open space, clean water, cultural treasures, family farms and ranches.</p>
<p>Comment Card Strategies Question</p>	<p>Land Trust Alliance</p>	<p>Climate change. Voluntary private land conservation incentives, such as making permanent the enhanced federal tax benefits associated with conservation easements. Farm Bill, specifically the Farm Ranch Protection Program.</p>

General Comments	MT DRNC Forestry Division	<p>It is very important to connect people with America's landscapes in order to understand when food and wood fiber comes from, however, the state of MT federal timber lands are so poor that recreation may be hazardous with dead trees falling and wildfire. The forest service must be given the budget, the staff capacity and removal of federal policy barriers in order to manage our natural resources.</p>
Comment Card Challenges Question	NA	<p>Loss of agricultural land, specifically sustainable family farming operations, this includes loss of soil to intensive industrial agriculture. The changing climate and the loss of snow packs in headwater areas of Montana. Loss of habitat and farmland to unplanned development and sprawl, which is supported in part by automobile centric transportation infrastructure.</p>
Comment Card Strategies Question	NA	<p>Education, land grant and regional food programs that will support a new generation of sustainable family farms which produce food to be consumed locally and regionally. Federal, State, and local initiatives that support clean energy development, efficiency and the reduction of greenhouse gas (sic) emissions. Focus on walking, transit and bicycling and focus on livable communities.</p>
General Comments	Montana Trout Unlimited	<p>1) Continue to focus on state-based collaborative initiatives such as forest jobs and recreation act. 2) Sustainable energy development that has protective stipulations for fish and wildlife. 3) Manage federal dams with an eye towards sustaining healthy fish populations.</p>

<p>Comment Card Challenges Question</p>	<p>Montana Trout Unlimited</p>	<p>Water! Montana Trout Unlimited applauds NFS for their efforts on Reserve Water Rights in Montana. However, three of BOR's Montana facilities seemed to be managed at odds with fish management on three Blue Ribbon fisheries in Montana. Specifically, Yellowtail Dam on the Bighorn River, Clark Canyon on the Beaverhead and Canyon Ferry on the Missouri River.</p>
<p>Comment Card Strategies Question</p>	<p>Montana Trout Unlimited</p>	<p>Concern for fish habitat and fish populations should play a role in decision making for fish management.</p>
<p>General Comments</p>	<p>NA</p>	<p>Thanks to the Obama administration for creating the recovery fund that created jobs for millions of people young and old. On a more local level, I would like to see organizations come together to market the public private, and locally managed lands. Such as DNRC, conservation groups, and local land owners, to create new ways to connect and encourage and educate the public about their immediate and national lands. Using maps, films flyers, education center, school systems, local volunteer days, outdoor equipment stores, recreational sales places to hold these pamphlets of knowledge and hold educational seminars to educate the people. Educate the people on topics such as volunteering, weeds, species, public lands, private lands, watersheds, erosion, logging roads, wilderness designation etc. I think it starts with in the local community but also on a national or international level. Using programs like AmeriCorps to get people working on a ground level. Though there needs to be a demand for these jobs. Also funding more organizations such as YMCA or YWCA to encourage and facilitate outdoor experiences and education.</p>

<p>Comment Card Challenges Question</p>	<p>NA</p>	<p>*Recovery Fund. I would like to see the government take initiatives to change the public views internally, such as reducing, reusing, recycling and sustainable housing. Garden and local food co-ops in the government housing districts; FS, Army, D.C. and AmeriCorps etc. Planting native around government facilities. All done and advertised by, with, for the government.</p>
<p>Comment Card Strategies Question</p>	<p>NA</p>	<p>* We need more funding for leadership, schools, programs, and camps. *Funding for job opportunities, incentives, marketing, soliciting. *See Federal agencies (sic) adopting outdoor education and activities there self (sic).</p>
<p>Comment Card Challenges Question</p>	<p>Five Valleys Land Trust</p>	<p>Keeping open land intact. Maintaining family farms and ranches. Ensuring water rights are adjudicated on federal and tribal lands and water in streams and rivers is seen as a beneficial use. Rehabilitation of forests and grasslands.</p>

<p>Comment Card Strategies Question</p>	<p>Five Valleys Land Trust</p>	<p>Federal conservation tax incentives should be made permanent. Continue to adequately fund the farm and ranchland protection program. Fully fund the land and water conservation fund. Increase funding for the forest service state and private land programs. Make acquisition of federal water rights a priority and fund appropriately. Keep a focus on using federal programs and funding to accomplish restoration work. Develop incentives for private land owners to keep their private land healthy. Federal funding needs to be consistent and dependable -- local groups need to have some confidence their work will continue to be supported.</p>
<p>General Comments</p>	<p>Five Valleys Land Trust</p>	<p>* Video was good, but didn't include people with disabilities enjoying public lands. * Would have been nice if the video had included National Grasslands! *Doesn't appear to be a very strong Tribal presence at the session -- might need to make a greater effort to get tribal participation. *Groups are generally too large to allow participants or opportunity to offer comments given the limited time. *Need to hear a strong facilitator -- keep track of who is up to speak and move to next questions.</p>

General Comments	Wildsight Canada	Waterton-Glacier International Peace Park is <u>incomplete</u> . A map clearly shows that the missing piece lies in British Columbia's flathead. Canadians welcome and encourage the USA to work with their counterparts in Canada to complete the world's first peace park. Currently, parks Canada has a proposal to expand Waterton into B.C.'s Flathead.
Comment Card Challenges Question	Wildsight Canada	Climate change
Comment Card Strategies Question	Wildsight Canada	<u>Stop</u> promoting oil use -- start promoting clean power. <u>Stop</u> subsidizing oil use -- start subsidizing renewable. <u>Stop</u> using oil! -- Start using renewable. Simple eh?
General Comments	The Wilderness Society	Water quality is critical for healthy landscapes. Water quality is compromised by the 30,000+ miles of USFS roads in MT, about 1/3 of which are unmaintained, unneeded (sic), and unwanted. The legacy road and trails initiative has been funded by Congress at 40, 50 and \$90 million in the past 3 years. Yet over \$10 billion in uSFS road work is needed. Continue to fund the legacy road and trial initiative and increase annual funding to \$100 million.
General Comments	U of Montana	The fundamental issue is to get people to interact in a sustainable way so we have open spaces for future generations. This means long-term educational programs in the formal and non-formal setting that provide awareness, understanding, problem-solving skills and participation (action) and connections with their local place.
Comment Card Challenges Question	U of Montana	Preserving our open-spaces. Connecting people with place.

Comment Card Challenges Question	U of Montana	Environmental education.
General Comments	Sierra Club MT Chapter	What strategies work: dam removal, administrative land management and travel plans, land purchases/acquisition, project partnerships with early collaboration, restoration efforts. What are obstacles: adequate federal funding of agencies, difficulty of removing inappropriate uses such as motorized vehicles, fossil fuel development. The agencies should use the NEPA appeal process more seriously to avoid litigation. Ability to hold polluters accountable.
Comment Card Challenges Question	Sierra Club MT Chapter	Agencies need to recognize and plan for the impacts of climate change. Adequate funding of land and wildlife management agencies. Limiting inappropriate uses such as motorized recreation, oil and gas develop.
Comment Card Strategies Question	Sierra Club MT Chapter	Protect water quality and quantity and improve it. Limit permitting of fossil fuel extraction from all public lands. Stronger travel and management plans that include better monitoring and enforcement standards and indicator species. Protect old growth forest (sic) for carbon storage and biodiversity. Establish wildlife corridors for movement of wildlife.
General Comments	U of Montana	What can Feds do: facilitate communities to make connections with conservation-based organizations, provide opportunities to collaborate and work together and coordinate efforts aimed at long-term sustainability.

General Comments	Adventure Cycling Association	<p>The U.S. Bicycle Route System is a project that promotes bicycle travel across America -- partnering grassroots efforts (bike advocacy and trail groups) and transportation to promote tourism and recreation. This is good for communities and promotes an environmentally (sic) friendly, economically beneficial form of tourism. Cyclists stay longer, have no carbon footprint and bring people into a community in a "human" way. I think we need to stop incentivizing things that promote pollution and global warming -- vehicles: emissions, parking lots, distracted driving, built environment.</p>
Comment Card Challenges Question	Adventure Cycling Association	<p>Unplugging our nation from electronic world (sic) and getting them "replugged" into the public lands/private land -- both engaging them from a recreational perspective (providing physical activity) and in conservation (providing volunteer hands (?) to help). In the words of REI President, Sally Jewell, Best Buy is one of our biggest competitors."</p>
Comment Card Strategies Question	Adventure Cycling Association	<p>Trails, school programs which utilize our public agencies -- BLM, FS, DNR, etc. liaison educators. Investment in our wild places -- reclamation, national and state parks etc, incentivize sustainable transportation such as biking/walking, transit, etc. Get airlines and trains to support these.</p>

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I think one of the most difficult is convincing conservatives that conservation is NOT a middle step to socialism! As the oil adds on in the Gulf exemplifies we need to place a true value and cost on scarce resources. We need to end corporate welfare first of all. The current subsidies for non-renewable energy are a disgrace! What we need is surtax on all mineral royalties to be used to place solar/wind/renewable systems on every building in America. Begin with all public buildings followed by private residences and then small business or reverse the order -- just start somewhere! The boost to over economy and National Security would be incalculable. Such distributed generation would insure (sic) no more blow-outs, no Chernobyl's (sic) and no cyber-terrorism, I could go on for pages but this is a good start.

General Comments	MCC - Crewmember	<p>America Highway Program: The signs of the adopted sections of the highway that are supposed to be kept clean. I find that they are majorly neglected and wonder who is in charge of any sort of accountability to those groups who have adopted these sections because if they are not held accountable the sections should be given to someone else.</p> <p>Recycling: It should be made one of the easiest processes available in every city/town. In most places the search for a recycling center is long and when found, they tend to have so many restrictions. And although we are making movements to conserve, there is a lot that has been wanted and recycling is the chance to make up for that. Please help make it easier.</p>
Comment Card Challenges Question	Trout Conservancy of Montana	The ongoing degradation and fragmentation of biological systems -- ecosystem collapse.
Comment Card Strategies Question	Trout Conservancy of Montana	Encourage environmental and conservation cooperation between agencies and citizens -- FUND restoration.
General Comments	Trout Conservancy of Montana	Provide or guide funding resources into stream restoration and watershed conservation, including support for citizen involvement in watershed groups...

<p>General Comments</p>	<p>National Wildlife Federation</p>	<p>To connect kids and people in general to nature adequate access must be present that is easy, marketed, and accessible to diverse groups. This means both urban and rural opportunities. Full funding of the land and water conservation fund will provide both rural and urban opportunities through large scale land conservation, fishing access sites and urban parks. In addition, our first lady has the "bully pulpit" to make getting kids outside a part of our national education curriculum. If we don't connect kids to conservation at a young age, they are less likely to have an affinity (sic) to keep pass along out country either better or the same that they experienced it. Lastly, private land provides some of the best wildlife habitat in this country. Particularly between federal and state governments for access promote opportunities that are win/win for landowners and recreation. MT has the block management (bm) program the (sic) voluntarily enrolls eight million access of private land for hunting. Landowners are paid for impacts to their land. The last farm bill provided additional funds for state programs like (18 million) a larger commitment would gore this program (sic).</p>
<p>Comment Card Challenges Question</p>	<p>MT Conservation Corps.</p>	<p>The emphasis put on youth, society at large, on materialism over experience and sustainability -- i.e. the tendency of profit driven enterprises to demolish wilderness resources for financial gains, when the essential value of these wild places is the transformation of individuals that takes place in the presence of ubridled and unmarred nature.</p>
<p>Comment Card Strategies Question</p>	<p>MT Conservation Corps.</p>	<p>Education opportunities in these wild places. Somethings cannot be taught any other way than by getting people outdoors.</p>

<p>Comment Card Challenges Question</p>	<p>Montana Recreation and Park Association, Missoula Children and Nature</p>	<p>Understanding of the scope and impacts of not protecting and preserving our lands and waters. Incentives to preserve. Opportunities and access for children and low income, particularly in cities.</p>
<p>Comment Card Strategies Question</p>	<p>Montana Recreation and Park Association, Missoula Children and Nature</p>	<p>Full funding LWCF including state/local set aside policy, incentive, education, research documenting and educating as to the value and importance of the outdoors to our individual, community, environmental, and economic health.</p>
<p>General Comments</p>	<p>Montana Recreation and Park Association, Missoula Children and Nature</p>	<p>Please consider policy changes that incentivize, regulate, and educate toward goals of preservation, sustainability, healthy built community, education curriculum supportive of the great outdoors, human powered transportation, work programs such as conservation corps for all ages. *Please stop the polarization and negative discourse of recreation is bad. Example -- no stimulus fund for park, recreation facilities.</p>
<p>General Comments</p>	<p>USFS, Idaho Panhandle NFS</p>	<p>It is fine to hold listening sessions, but where and how will this information be utilized to encourage a grassroots movement to encourage and motivate the public and agencies to focus on the "Great Outdoors"?</p>
<p>General Comments</p>	<p>Montana Conservation Corporation</p>	<p>Public schools need to enforce a conservation ethic. More school trips should be to state parks, instead of cities. Both are important but there needs to be a connection between the nations youth and their natural environment.</p>

General Comments	US Forest Service	Private land incentives so that developers can contribute to providing/maintaining open space/parks and trail that connect with other public lands. Protect and enhance LWCF program for local use. Fund and support federal land agency conservation education programs. Re-organize the Forest Service to provide more organizational focus on recreation.
General Comments	U of Montana	Thank you for enabling us to voice our concerns/comments about conservation. Please encourage/provide more teach-ins/discussions like this one. Thanks again!
General Comments	HDR Inc.	Bug killed standing timber is not able to be harvested and used as a resource (see smallwood) for buildings and bridges construction due to the fact that liberal based "conservation" groups appeal timber sales for these resources tying these sales up in court until the resources are no longer usable because of decay and "blueing" in the case of lodge pole pine, one of the main species susceptible to bug kill. A solution is to use these standing dead trees for biomass for energy and building materials rather than letting it burn, which is what is happening now.

General Comments	Montana Forest Owners Association	Great idea bringing this to Montana first - we appreciate and support the President's commitment to conserve working lands in a way that preserves the environment and protects local communities. Collaborative approaches work - support Senator Tester and Senator Baucus in their efforts to this idea. Can be win-win situation using existing infrastructure.
General Comments		The outreach by the White House is much appreciated. Although much can be accomplished at the local level, federal direction and support is essential.
General Comments	Seeley Adventure Club	Great session. Maybe break into specific subjects next time. Education, recreation, private lands, etc.
General Comments	Montana Conservation Corporation	Thank you for this opportunity to share our comments/thoughts. This is an amazing venue to get citizen input. What I want to comment on is education. America's children are disconnected from nature and our own government. We need to empower our youth to want to help, by not giving a handout, but a hand up. Giving us opportunity to work or volunteer or serve nationally allows us a connection to something bigger. And allows youth to see our work truly makes a difference. Whether its in the woods or in the city the youth is in desperate need of a call to action. National service programs can be a vector to bridge the youth into the American heritage.

Comment Card Challenges Question	No Available Organization Name	1) A misperception based on political rather than scientific basis that "global warming" (changed to "climate change" because of the natural cyclic change in temperature due to natural effects is now tending to global cooling) is driving political decisions and has the potential to further drive political decisions that will adversely affect our society.
Comment Card Strategies Question	No Available Organization Name	1) Open the debate and scientific study independent of politics and liberal (or conservative) agenda!
Comment Card Challenges Question	NPS	US population needs to get in touch with natural ecosystems
Comment Card Strategies Question	NPS	Funded projects to get families into public lands with interpreters
Comment Card Challenges Question	Trout Unlimited	1) climate change, 2) growing disconnect between today's youth and the outdoors

<p>Comment Card Strategies Question</p>	<p>Trout Unlimited</p>	<p>1) protect intact habitats and restore degraded habitats on both public and private lands, 2) make the outdoors a more integral part of school curriculum, i.e. No Child Left Inside; Ways Federal Government can help: 1) Foster more cooperative efforts like the Forest Jobs & Recreation Act that bring together diverse interests based on shared common ground, 2) Mining Law Reform that provides opportunity to restore degraded habitats, 3) Fully fund the Land and Water Conservation Fund, 4) Provide better stewardship of public lands; Secretary Salazar's oil and gas leasing reforms are a good start for BLM lands, need something similar for the Forest Service. It is easier not to degrade important habitats than to have to try and restore them after they are degraded.</p>
<p>Comment Card Challenges Question</p>	<p>No Available Organization Name</p>	<p>pollution and diminishing of our biotic factors (soil, water, air) upon which our plants & animals depend; stewardship (appreciation for, connection to) the great outdoors is not a priority at the personal, state, regional levels; obstacles to effective conservation or connecting people to the outdoors: value system putting money, shopping malls, computer games, prestige/power, "getting ahead", etc. in front</p>

<p>Comment Card Strategies Question</p>	<p>No Available Organization Name</p>	<p>I suppose a multi-pronged approach with federal agencies, educational systems, non-profits, religious organizations, philanthropists, everyone promoting knowledge and stewardship; My state (Montana) is known for its Great Outdoors. As a young adult, I made a conscious decision to live here, next to nature. Native or transplant, I think a lot of people here appreciate nature, although their ideas of stewardship may vary. In recent years, people with different points of view have gotten together, recognizing their similarities; Good starts are Michelle Obama's war against obesity and White House garden. Promoting the national parks even more (?). Education is huge (the oil spill is one heckuva educational experience.) Encouraging gardening and eating fresh food; Promote local sustainability!! garden plots, small farms who sell locally. Make this a part of every new development. How about walking clubs or routes, with places to stay at night--a day's walk between them. Thank you!</p>
<p>Comment Card Challenges Question</p>	<p>University of MT</p>	<p>1) Allow fed agencies to coop & work with state & local groups easier, 2) Developers cutting apart lands for \$</p>
<p>Comment Card Strategies Question</p>	<p>University of MT</p>	<p>1) pass laws that encourage and not inhibit cooperation, 2) Provide incentives that reward developers for conservation practices</p>
<p>Comment Card Challenges Question</p>	<p>No Available Organization Name</p>	<p>Balancing increased use of public resources with a largely accepted public conservation ethic</p>
<p>Comment Card Strategies Question</p>	<p>No Available Organization Name</p>	<p>Collaboration is key but the most important thing is creating public awareness of conservation</p>

Comment Card Challenges Question	University of MT Forestry & Conservation Grad Student	climate change; sprawling development; lack of collaboration between Fed, state and local agencies; lack of awareness & action on part of citizens regarding conservation
Comment Card Strategies Question	University of MT Forestry & Conservation Grad Student	increased education/information/access/advocacy for conservation; contribute to increased collaboration fed-local; restructure fed agencies; limit (mal)development
Comment Card Challenges Question	MCC - Northern Rockies	lack of individual responsibility & concern
Comment Card Strategies Question	MCC - Northern Rockies	construct a natural sciences curriculum that lasts through education; incentivize voluntary public service for higher education financial assistance; mandate a minimum standard of community service
Comment Card Challenges Question	UM Forum for Living with Appropriate Technology	The American idea of entitlement to land, resources, & access without responsibility to others & the conservation/sustainability of our society
Comment Card Strategies Question	UM Forum for Living with Appropriate Technology	Let us please encourage/support more education that is place based & experiential to support our future generations
Comment Card Challenges Question	No Available Organization Name	Americans don't know enough about their public lands and the different management strategies for them.
Comment Card Strategies Question	No Available Organization Name	Let's have a national educational campaign to take care of - take pride in - this great heritage. And also educate about wilderness and its keep it wild management.
Comment Card Challenges Question	Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation	The next generation seems oblivious to the necessity of wilderness

Comment Card Strategies Question	Lewis & Clark Trail Heritage Foundation	Prioritize educating youth about value of nature to their mental well being
Comment Card Challenges Question	USFS, Idaho Panhandle NFS	Kids in the Woods! Water! Energy!
Comment Card Strategies Question	USFS, Idaho Panhandle NFS	Fundamentally change our education system & the focus of our agency
Comment Card Challenges Question	Rural Votes	Climate change. We need pass good climate change legislation or there won't be any conservation left to protect. Also we need to focus on K-12 outdoor education. Let our youth outdoors.
Comment Card Strategies Question	Rural Votes	Good way to focus education is start a garden at every school. Everyone has to eat. It's a good way to get everyone involved on many different levels.
Comment Card Challenges Question	Five Valleys Land Trust; Open Lands Committee; Community Food & Agriculture Coalition	Preservation of productive, privately owned agriculture and forest lands. Maintenance & expansion of national, state, & local park systems
Comment Card Strategies Question	Five Valleys Land Trust; Open Lands Committee; Community Food & Agriculture Coalition	Increased funding for FRPP, Land & Water Conservation Program. Maintain/extend laws which provide tax incentives for donation of conservation easements.
Comment Card Challenges Question	Seeley Adventure Club	Education - we need to provide more opportunity through our public schools for children to access public lands and learn and develop a connection and responsibility for them
Comment Card Strategies Question	Seeley Adventure Club	Providing federal funding/initiatives to public schools!
Comment Card Challenges Question	Seeley Adventure Club	Loss of future stewards of the land.
Comment Card Strategies Question	Seeley Adventure Club	Integrate outdoor classrooms/science in our schools K-12.
Comment Card Challenges Question	Tree Farmers	Politicians running natural resource activities

Comment Card Strategies Question	Tree Farmers	Define the legal parameters and stick with them. Too many people are afraid to make decisions/move because of the legal unknowns.
Comment Card Challenges Question	UM Student	Establishing conservation stewardship across socio-economic spectrum; Citizen involvement for on the ground conservation efforts; Incentive based conservation strategies are often not sustainable for the long term if we see increased conflict or conservation needs
Comment Card	UM Student	Citizen Science Monitoring; User group involvement in monitoring/restoration
Comment Card Challenges Question	Montana Forest Owners Association	How do we manage our public lands? -(I know, big & eternal question); Loss of working, family owned forests; Loss of environmental education in urban areas & how it applies to their lives, i.e. natural resources used in living - houses, etc.
Comment Card Strategies Question	Montana Forest Owners Association	Education; "Made in America" sustainable wood products given priority in government projects; Biomass from sustainable family-owned forests
Comment Card Challenges Question	MSU Alumna	1. Early-on education/interaction with outdoors & wilderness to develop social responsibility; 2. Hiking & biking trails to easily connect with outdoors; 3. Volunteer programs to assist educ. & preservation - activate seniors (lots of educated baby boomers need something positive in life); 4. Awareness - promote, publicize, subsidize - zoning, etc. & wilderness mgmt; 5. Public & Private organizations working together

<p>Comment Card Strategies Question</p>	<p>MSU Alumna</p>	<p>1. Educational programs funded; 2. Fund trails (alternate transportation); 3. Subsidize volunteer programs; 4. Support awareness; 5. Provide successful samples (&workshops) for public/private interactions; 6. Continue similar meeting & require political reps to attend!</p>
<p>Comment Card Challenges Question</p>	<p>No Available Organization Name</p>	<p>We as a population have a huge appetite for natural resources, yet no leadership of how to meet our demand.</p>
<p>Comment Card Strategies Question</p>	<p>No Available Organization Name</p>	<p>1. Develop & teach the concept of stewardship & responsible active management; 2. Look to Private landowners for examples of successful multiple use stewardship</p>
<p>Comment Card Challenges Question</p>	<p>Montana Conservation Corps, Northern Rockies</p>	<p>1. Lack of youth knowledge about conservation issues; 2. Park pollution</p>

<p>Comment Card Strategies Question</p>	<p>Montana Conservation Corps, Northern Rockies</p>	<p>1. Increase awareness through heavy advertising online and on T.V. Let people know conservation jobs exist and you can help w/things like global climate change. 2. Cut down on car usage in parks by offering shuttle services for tours and transport bicycle rentals. You can charge for them as well to help raise money for parks. For example, a \$2,000 mountain bike rented out at \$25 a day would only take 80 rentals to pay off. Maintenance would run at roughly \$10 per rental, so after the bike is paid off, the parks would make \$15 profit per rental day. This may not be ideal for smaller parks, but Glacier Park and Yellowstone could make lots of money which could help relieve their funding from the Federal gov't and that money could be distributed elsewhere.; 3. The federal government is already doing a good job through AmeriCorps by offering the education award which can be used to pay for part of school or pay off school loans. By offering this to high schoolers, it may entice them to study environmental concepts in post-secondary education.</p>
<p>Comment Card Challenges Question</p>	<p>Golfer, Skier, rafter, hiker, backpacker, Grandparent</p>	<p>Building individual responsibility for conservation by introducing youngsters to outdoor activity. Solve it--don't lock it don't close it.</p>
<p>Comment Card Strategies Question</p>	<p>Golfer, Skier, rafter, hiker, backpacker, Grandparent</p>	<p>Gov communication with people - miscommunication has cost money</p>
<p>Comment Card Challenges Question</p>	<p>Rocky Mountain Foundation</p>	<p>Need healthy landscapes, managed lands including forests. End lawsuits that block active work; Must maintain access & improve where limited; Declining hunters</p>

Comment Card Strategies Question	Rocky Mountain Foundation	When the federal gov't acquires new lands, keep them open for hunting, fishing, & management. Utilize LWCF to purchase land including access. Access to public lands that are land locked by private land.
Challenges	No Available Organization Name	Engage the community, especially at a young age, in physical, natural recreational activities that are treaded into the urban landscape. Bike path networks that are connected to the most beautiful parts of the city. Alternative physical education for kids like yoga, mountain biking, hiking, skiing, martial arts. School gardening programs.
Strategies	No Available Organization Name	I'm concerned about keeping our wilderness pristine. The fissile fuel industry has had a profound impact on our wilderness and urban environments. From water pollution and air pollution to contribution global warming, we need to keep the toxic and risky fossibel fuel industry our of our public land!
Challenges	Montana Conservation Corps	Funding for non-profit organizations that focus on youth development environmental stewardship and civic engagements. Winter works. The seasonal labor is conducive to relying on Federal Handouts (I.E. unemployment)
Strategies	Montana Conservation Corps	Offer or increase education awards for service. Establish a relationship with land owners and agencies to ensure you land labor
Challenges	SCA Americorps	Reducing our dependence on fossil fuel

Strategies	SCA Americorps	I think urban bike access is such a simple but powerful solution to so many of today's problems, obesity, air pollution, the daunting amount of money spew on our over-used road ways. Towns with bike lanes and green belts have an amazing increase in exercise and community in the youth. Give us bike lanes!
Challenges	Montana Natural History Center	A generation of young people growing up without a personal connection to the natural landscapes/ environment. Kids today spend a great deal of time indoors and have lost interest in playing, exploring, hunting and fishing outdoors. Conservationist land stewards generally base their passion of working for the environment on a personal connection- typically established in their youth
Strategies	Montana Natural History Center	Support the NCLI Act - HR 2054 & S866 to bring funding into the field of environmental education to bring more programs into the schools. Funding for programs that seek to reconnect kids with their environment with an emphasis on direct action on experience.
Challenges	Property Rightd for all Montanans	This is not from the bottom-up. This is Agenda 21 UN from top-down. Loss of land rights by way of environmental land use law which circumvent the public process. Ie= SB131 = The tools to shut down the economy from y to y.
Strategies	Property Rightd for all Montanans	Stop zoning or taking by subdivision regulations. Crown point case citizens must be paid for taking if hurt by an environmental law.

Challenges	YWCA Missoula	Lack of connection between children and the outdoors
Strategies	YWCA Missoula	More education and access. In schools, trails and parks funding for internships and outdoor programs in the wilderness
Challenges	Pyramid Mountain Lumber, Inc	Actively managing our federal forest lands at the landscapes level.
Strategies	Pyramid Mountain Lumber, Inc	Large long term goods for Services Stewardship Contracts available to both BLM and FS which are allowed to be up to 10 years. Streamline NEPA process
Challenges	Property Owner in the Blackfoot Valley	The quality and amount of water in the future. Saving the lands from development.
Strategies	Property Owner in the Blackfoot Valley	Change the tax structure concerning agriculture grounds (ranchers and farmers) In times of drought face reality, use the streams and rivers less.
Challenges	Boone and Crockett Club	coordinate
Strategies	Boone and Crockett Club	Utilize what's been done and building on it through partnership.
Challenges	Montana Conservation Corps	Finding a balance between the real conservation of our environment and economic growth in there given areas
Strategies	montana conservation corps	Focus on sustainable natural resources and practice safe and reasonable harvesting of said resources. Plan for future of resources, ensure that the land is able to foster economic growth for all generations to come rather than an immediate pay check.
Challenges	No Available Organization Name	growth of government land grabs
Strategies	No Available Organization Name	abolish or downsize DOI
Challenges	Community Food and Agriculture Coalition of Missoula County	Preserving working agriculture lands and connecting people with the farms of their food. The land and the people the agricultural heritage.

Strategies	Community Food and Agriculture Coalition of Missoula County	Farm to school!! (Thanks to Mrs. Obama efforts) Creating local growth policies that work collaboratively and house growing population and facilitate working farms.
Challenges	Missoula Children and Nature	Engaging families in Outdoor Recreation. Maintaining Rural character in the west.
Strategies	Missoula Children and Nature	Collaborate efforts at the local level. More thoughtful and strict rural planning measures that protect communities from the negative impacts of amenity migration.
Challenges	No Available Organization Name	Lack of public land
Strategies	No Available Organization Name	equipment loan programs
General Comments	Elk Foundation	Need permanent extension of Conservation Easement tax incentives to assist in private land conservation. Need full funding for the LWC Fund including a portion dedicated to obtaining access (linear) to land-locked public lands
General Comments	No Available Organization Name	Finally a collaboration of ideas from multiple agencies. What you need now is more site visits: People on the ground offer realistic solutions that people in offices tend to overlook. People on the ground prescribe better than people in offices. People in offices describe better than people on the ground. too often we play the role of opposite.

<p>General Comments</p>	<p>Montana Natural History Center</p>	<p>One of our largest obstacles to getting kids outside and into their local natural areas (National Forest) is the outfitters permit process, as an educational non profit we are placed into a category with other for profit outfitter groups. However our goal is to connects kids and people with nature, teach stewardship ethics and explore the natural world. the permit process limits our ability to use national forest. Honoraries have to be specific, planned a full year in advance are inflexible (regardless of weather or condition) and limit what we can do. We'd accomplish so much more if we had more specific permit process or new designation.</p>
<p>General Comments</p>	<p>Pyramid Mountain Lumber, Inc</p>	<p>Programs that work- Teachers are the key to increasing kids interest and comfort with the forest - Existing Natural Programs- USFS kids in the forest, Project Learning Tree sponsored by American Forest Foundation. Mt. Natural Resources Youth Camp at U of M school forest can be replicated across the country for 1 week lands exposure to all natural resources discipline, discovery days in Missoula for 5th graders sponsored by Chamber of Commerce.</p>
<p>General Comments</p>	<p>Missoula Parks and Recreation</p>	<p>Programs that work "Connecting Kids to Nature" -Techy go caching/photography- reason to go outside. Volunteer- stewards of land- even as little as litter removal- Does not have to be restoration. Obstacles- forest service- special permits costs.</p>

General Comments	Glacier National Park Fund	Engage parents in the outdoors so they can pass it on to their kids and create future stewards. Volunteer based groups- citizens' science, rehabilitation trail work to engage communities to the <u>experience</u> the value of the lands 1st hand.
General Comments	Property Owner in the Blackfoot Valley	I am for saving our land and water for future generations. I would like to know the make-up of all these conservation groups and where the money is coming from.
General Comments	Boone and Crockett Club	Good forum and venue. Hope you picked up some valuable insight
General Comments	Historical Museum at H. Missoula/ Glacier National Park	Missoula's high schools participate in a joint agricultural program which is unique to the NW. What a great partner for learning about agriculture and how to integrate it with land conservation.
General Comments	Big Sky County- Outdoor Retailer	We need to make it as easy for people to get outdoors as it is to turn on the TV. Access and communication is an obstacle. There are several non-profits out there organizing and doing great things, but they have limited funds for adverting or new media communication to get volunteers involved or youth active we need a told for communication and funds to get our message out. Partnerships with the state, local and federal governments could help communication efforts. Also partnering with private sectors would be beneficial. How do we connect parents as well? We can't rely on education to do it all.

General Comments	No Available Organization Name	I suggest facilitating the break out session little differently. Allow everyone at each table to address the 4 questions at their table with a note taker at each table, in order to get everyone's voice heard while managing time limits.
General Comments	No Available Organization Name	Equipment loan programs with checks and balances. Equipment necessary. Equipment is expensive. You are targeting, largely, middle and upper class- This is bad. Try to target lower class.
General Comments	Montana Conservation Corps	Although there are a number of challenges facing our culture and world today, a reconnection of children and youth to the outdoors will provide a fundamental change and growth in education among our population. The federal government can provide both financial and political support to outdoor education programs, youth conservation corps, and public school education programs focus on giving children and you an incentive to love the outdoors.