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Photo by Robert Michael Pyle from *Where Bigfoot Walks: Crossing the Dark Divide*

Join your neighbors in urging that the Dark Divide Roadless Area be kept wild for future generations of Americans and opposing the Bush Administration's initiatives to severely weaken essential forest protection safeguards. Please send the attached top postcard to the Sierra Club to learn how you can get more involved. Sign and send the bottom postcard asking Representative Brian Baird to continue working to permanently protect the Dark Divide, and to oppose the Bush Administration's proposals to weaken protections for Northwest ancient forests. Thanks for your help.

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Dear Sierra Club:

- Yes, I'm interested in finding out more about the campaign to keep the Dark Divide wild and maintain existing National Forest protections.
- Yes, I've sent the postcard below to Representative Baird, urging him to permanently protect the Dark Divide Roadless Area and oppose the Bush Administration's proposals to weaken protections for Northwest ancient forests.

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Dear Representative Baird:

We enjoy the privilege of living near public National Forest lands such as the Dark Divide Roadless Area. This diverse, magical landscape of wild rivers, ancient trees, and spectacular high ridges adds immeasurably to our special Northwest quality of life.

Today, 200 years after the Lewis and Clark expedition passed nearby on the mighty Columbia River, this pristine and priceless natural heritage is still threatened by destructive dirt bikes and the Bush Administration's proposals to weaken existing forest protections—such as the Roadless Area Conservation Rule and the Northwest Forest Plan. Please continue to urge the Administration to permanently protect special places like the Dark Divide in the Gifford Pinchot National Forest and to oppose the Bush Administration's initiatives that undermine essential forest protection safeguards—for our families, for our future.

REPRESENTATIVE BRIAN BAIRD
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Sincerely, _____



Keep the Dark Divide Wild—Protect Our National Forests!



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Today, 200 years after the Lewis and Clark expedition passed nearby on the mighty Columbia River, parts of the Dark Divide Roadless Area remain as pristine and priceless as they were two centuries ago. Unfortunately, our natural heritage is threatened by destructive dirt bikes and the Bush Administration's proposals to weaken existing forest protections—such as the Roadless Area Conservation Rule and the Northwest Forest Plan. The Dark Divide's diverse, magical landscape of wild rivers, ancient trees, and spectacular long, high ridges adds immeasurably to our special Northwest quality of life.

The Forgotten Forest

The Gifford Pinchot National Forest contains tens of thousands of acres of ancient forest, wild rivers, scenic peaks and high ridges, and some of the richest wildlife habitat left in the lower 48 states.

In fact, Quartz Creek and Clear Creek are the last unroaded valleys below 3,000 feet in southwest Washington. A network of beckoning trails provides more than 90 miles of hiking and horseback riding opportunities. Yet, this hidden gem is not as well known as its two soaring neighbors—Mt. St. Helens and Mt. Adams.

Two Centuries after Lewis and Clark

Motorized recreation and the Bush Administration's proposals to severely weaken the existing forest protections for

Northwest ancient forests threaten what's left of the forest's remaining wild places. The weakening of the Roadless Area Conservation Rule would give states the authority to exempt roadless areas from the rule, which protects 58.5 million acres of unroaded National Forest lands from logging, road building, and development. The Bush Administration also continues to put forth proposals to severely weaken the existing habitat and watershed protections provided in the Northwest Forest Plan. The Gifford Pinchot wild country needs you. Whether the next threat is off-road dirt bikes or another Bush Administration initiative to undermine essential forest protection safeguards, now is the time to stand up and protect special wild places such as the Dark Divide.