

Yes, They Asked for It

The Bridger Wilderness, located in Bridger-Teton National Forest in Wyoming, is one of the most scenic areas of the United States. The 428-acre region was designated as a wilderness in 1964 and expanded to the current size in 1984.



As part of the U.S. Wilderness Areas system, motorized or mechanized vehicles, including bicycles, are not allowed. Camping and fishing, with proper permit, are allowed, and no roads or buildings are constructed there.

Comment cards are offered to visitors, and here are some of the unique ones received by staff members:

- Trails need to be wider so people can walk while holding hands.
- Trails need to be reconstructed. Please avoid building trails that go uphill.
- Too many bugs and leeches and spiders and spider webs. Please spray the wilderness to rid the areas of these pests.
- Please pave the trails so they can be snow-plowed during the winter.
- Chairlifts need to be in some places so that we can get to wonderful views without having to hike them.
- The coyotes made too much noise last night and kept me awake. Please eradicate these annoying animals.
- A small deer came into my camp and stole my jar of pickles. Is there a way I can get reimbursed?
- Reflectors need to be placed on trees every 50 feet so people can hike at night with flashlights.
- Escalators would help on steep uphill sections.
- A McDonald's would be nice at the trailhead.
- The places where trails do not exist are not well marked.
- Too many rocks in the mountains.

These comments verify (1) people have an array of unique opinions, and (2) mostly, they apply to issues affecting their own personal comfort zones.

And at least, perhaps, they give you a chuckle or two in the middle of your work week.

You must therefore endure hardship as a good soldier of Jesus Christ (2 Timothy 2:3 NKJV).

– Beecher Hunter