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Comments:

Thank you very much for this opportunity to comment on the Custer Gallatin Forest Plan Revision. Having lived in the Greater Yellowstone region since 1974 (some of that time in Wyoming, but mostly in Montana), I strongly support ALTERNATIVE D. As this region faces incredible growth over the next 20 years, we must protect what remaining wild country that we have. We are so blessed now by abundant wildlife and clean water, both of which spring from the wild country of the Greater Yellowstone; the rapid growth in our communities is driving increased growth in recreational use -- especially motorized and mountain bike use, and we need the tools to manage this growth to protect the critical wildlife habitat that wild country nurtures. We aren't making any more wild country.

I also support reducing the numbers of pack animals in the back country and believe we need to come up with regulations that require human waste to be packed out in the sensitive high alpine country, namely of the Absaroka Beartooth Wilderness.

Thank you for inviting us to engage and comment on your revised plan.