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Comments:

As the son of a USFS forest ranger who grew up on the Superior, Chippewa and Mark Twain National Forests and the BWCA, I like to think that I have a legitimate appreciation for the value of our forests and wilderness areas.

As such, I support the wilderness recommendations in Alternative D of the Revised Draft Forest Plan; however, they must be improved by adding the entire 230,000 wild, roadless acres of the Gallatin Range as Recommend Wilderness in the final forest plan. The following three points also expand on the importance for the wild Gallatin Range.

The plan should prohibit all motorized and mechanized uses, and any other activities not consistent with wilderness protection, in the Recommended Wilderness areas so as to preserve their wilderness qualities until Congress acts on the wilderness recommendations.