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Comments:

First, I would like to state my support for the Gallatin Forest Partnership and their proposals for management of the mountains around Bozeman. I also urge decision makers in the forest service to consider, along with the great work they do for conservation and resource management, the incredible economic impact that recreation in National Forests has on communities in SW Montana. This impact will only grow over the coming years. In order to support sustainable growth in these industries, I urge the USFS to give special priority to maintaining and improving access to forest, via several measures:

- 1) Communicating and partnering with landowners surrounding forest to ensure access to OUR forest isn't cut off.
- 2) Maintaining and potentially even adding trailheads
- 3) Opening opportunities for outfitting and guiding. User days will continue to increase, and guides can act as stewards, ensuring that these users have as small of an impact footprint as possible.

Thank you for all of your hard work in making the new forest plan, I'm excited for the next years in the Custer Gallatin!