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Comments:

I am writing to submit comment on the Custer Gallatin Forest Management Plan revision. I live inside the boundaries of the Custer/Gallatin Forest and know first hand the state and quality of the forest ecosystem. It is imperative that the Forest Service shifts the focus of forest management to encouraging the processes naturally underway rather than continue to alter and impact these systems usually to the detriment of ecosystem resilience. Management of these forests need to focus on low impact recreation and small non-commercial habitat improvement. Commercial timber harvest is no longer appropriate. It is time to promote natural landscapes. The only alternative proposed to date that can begin to foster this responsible direction is Alternative D. It is critical that our public land is protected for its own sake as this protection will ultimately benefit the people who the Forest Service represents. Thank you for your consideration.