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Comments:

I support the wilderness recommendations in Alternative D of the Revised Draft Forest Plan but the entire 230,000 wild, roadless acres of the Gallatin Range as Recommend Wilderness must be added in the final forest plan.

The plan should also prohibit all motorized and mechanized uses, and other activities not consistent with wilderness protectio to preserve their wilderness qualities until Congress acts on the wilderness recommendations.

The draft plan has little direction for administering the Absaroka-Beartooth and Lee Metcalf Wildernesses. The current management plans allows destructively large groups of pack animals and people in most areas which research shows increase impacts significantly. The Forest Service should reduce group size limits accordingly so as to protect all Wildernesses on the forest from harm. Further, the forest plan should put an end to ecologically destructive fish stocking in naturally fishless wilderness lakes, which significantly alters the areas' natural conditions.

Finally, the plan must address the issue of human and pack animal feces contamination of lakes and streams on the Beartooth Plateau in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness. Eliminating fish stocking would likely go a long way toward solving this problem, but additional measures must be included if needed.