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Comments:

The Custer Gallatin National Forest is intrinsically valuable for its biodiversity, habitat, and natural wonders, and deserves high level protection. I support Alternative D of the draft forest plan, with some improvements:

- Vacant grazing allotments in the Wildernesses should be closed.
- The Forest Service should reduce group size limits so that they don't exceed 8 head of stock and 12 people, and human and pack animal feces contamination should be addressed.
- Fish stocking in naturally fishless lakes should end.
- No trail construction or reconstruction in the currently trail-less areas of the Absaroka Beartooth and Lee Metcalf Wildernesses.
- Add the entire 230,000 roadless acres of the Gallatin Range as recommend Wilderness in the final forest plan.
- Prohibit all motorized and mechanized uses and any activities not consistent with wilderness protection in the Recommended Wilderness areas.

I strongly support the intentions of the 1964 Wilderness Act. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.