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I would like to comment on the current Custer gallitin revision plans. I live in red lodge and see bikers come into town to ride all summer long. I believe this brings substantial business to the area. I also mountain bike myself and use almost every trail that I can in the area. Some of my favorite rides are up beartracks and down ingles creek. I like this one because it is generally less trafficked, beautiful, and the ingles creek trail is fantastic biking. I also really enjoy the line creek plateau, which I believe is a favorite of people traveling through. Those that bike line creek end up in town hungry and ready for a beer, which brings more money to the area. Not to mention gas to drive up the pass. Because of these trails I strongly oppose option D that would turn much of this into wilderness area. Other places I often frequent are silver run it's currently the only bikeable trail in the area due to late snowpack. I also use Nichols creek and willow quite often. I do not use palisades as much because it is usually full of bears and very overgrown towards the bottom, which I feel is dangerous. Something I feel we could really use in this area is a way to access the west fork straight from town without having to ride on a road with traffic. As for trails, I think all recreationalists would Benefit from an uphill only trail beginning somewhere near the bottom of Nichols to the top. This would not only be safer for hikers and horsemen but also bikers riding up the trail. Many other areas of the country like Salt Lake City and Ashland Oregon utilize directional trails to keep everyone safe. Mountain biking is booming and bringing huge business to areas that have embraced the sport by building more trails (fruits Colorado is an excellent example of a town that had nothing and now has a bustling economy with tourism dollars to maintain and build infrastructure, and provide local jobs). Even if more trails aren't being built right away, leaving the ability to do so in the future with forest service rather than wilderness is extremely important. Thank you for your time.