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Comments:

As a photographer, bird watcher and hiker reviewing the proposals for the Custer Gallatin National Forest is disheartening to say the least. Today's editorial in the Billings Gazette emphasizes the loss of access and degradation of hiking trails throughout all alternatives presented. Protecting roadless areas throughout the Crazy Mountains, the Beartooths and Pryors should be the highest priority- once gone they are gone and changed forever. I support managing recommended wilderness areas just as though they are wilderness, allowing only foot and horse travel and do not allow ANY mechanized or motorized use.