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Greater Yellowstone Coalition

Dear Custer Gallatin Forest Plan Revision Team

The Custer Gallatin supports an incredible variety of iconic wildlife species and is key to wildlife movement throughout the landscape. The new forest plan must secure protections outside the grizzly bear recovery zone to facilitate grizzly connectivity to other ecosystems, and support a year-round self-sustaining bison population within tolerance areas. West Pine and Porcupine Buffalo Horn backcountry areas also need wildlife protections mirroring the Cabin Creek Wildlife Management Area, and recreation impacts to wildlife should be monitored.

In Addition[hellip]

This plan should maintain diversity within the area while increasing the grizzly bear recovery area and protecting other keystone species.

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Dear Custer Gallatin Forest Plan Revision Team

The Absaroka Beartooth as well as the Madison, Henry's Lake and Gallatin Geographic areas are some of the most environmentally valuable places in the Forest. The new forest plan must protect them from growing recreational and climate impacts. Please cement our recreational footprint in place through the Gallatin Forest Partnerships recommendations, including ~ 130,00 acres of new wilderness. In addition, protect existing wilderness and recreational hubs by extensively monitoring and managing the growing impacts of recreation and climate change.

In addition...

This plan should reduce impacts from motorized vehicles within this important drainage and wildlife corridor.