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Comments:

The attached signature letter and petitions serve as our group's comments

To whom it may concern, Frank Rigler and Edwin Johnson collected signatures on the enclosed petition from a few of our neighbors in the suggested Yellowstone Wild and Scenic River addition north of Yellowstone National Park to Yankee Jim Canyon. We didn't have time to get to everyone before this comment deadline but there are quite a few more people who share the petitioners' concerns about the growth of the Buffer Zone being created around Yellowstone Park. We the undersigned residents and property owners in the area north of Gardiner and south of Yankee Jim Canyon oppose the "Wild and Scenic River" designation suggested by the Custer/Gallatin Forest Service. A new layer of Federal Regulation could impact private property rights by working with State and Local governments to enact zoning ordinances or to pursue 'eminent domain'. It could be used to restrict recreational use of river accesses and shooting ranges on USFS property. Weed abatement practices may be restricted on public and private property in the watershed. We are Montana citizens who do not wish to become a "Buffer Zone" for Yellowstone National Park.