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Comments:

I support the wilderness recommendations in Alternative D of the Revised Draft Forest Plan; however, they must be improved by adding the entire 230,000 wild, roadless acres of the Gallatin Range as Recommend Wilderness in the final forest plan. The following three points also expand on the importance for the wild Gallatin Range.

1. The plan should prohibit all motorized and mechanized uses, and any other activities not consistent with wilderness protection.
2. The draft plan has little direction for administering the Absaroka-Beartooth and Lee Metcalf Wildernesses. The Forest Service should reduce group size limits accordingly so as to protect all Wildernesses on the forest from harm.
3. The plan must address the issue of human and pack animal feces contamination of lakes and streams on the Beartooth Plateau in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness. Eliminating fish stocking would likely go a long way toward solving this problem.