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Comments:

My views most closely align with Alternative A, the no action alternative. My primary use of the forest is for elk hunting. I support Alternative A because I believe it is the alternative that is the best for creating and maintaining elk habitat. Specifically, I support proactive timber harvesting and management to reduce wildfire fuels and create forage for elk and deer. Alternative E may allow for more additional timber harvest but I fear that this alternative will allow for additional permanent road creation (temporary roads for timber harvest are OK). Further, I support balanced use of trails, especially for bicycles and hikers. I have noticed that horses are very hard on trails (as a result of hoof action) and that horses, mules, and pack strings often create awkward and dangerous situations for hikers and cyclists due to their unpredictable nature. Additional fees need to be applied to outfitters for trail maintenance, patrol, and weed control as they are most often the cause of trail degradation and noxious weed spread. I would like to see fewer outfitter permits allowed.

I do not support wilderness areas because they become areas that if you don't harvest timber and/or grass they are a tremendous wildfire hazard and have very little wildlife value.

I do not support aircraft landing strip acres because aircraft are noisy and disruptive to other folks out enjoying the forest and most folks can't afford to reap the benefits of having a landing strip in the forest since flights and camps are quite expensive.

I support livestock grazing in the forest and do not support measures to support bison. Bison are extremely hard on riparian areas and the problem will be exacerbated if their grazing is not managed. Livestock are only grazing the forest seasonally and therefore have a much smaller impact than wild bison.

I would like to see trails 542 and 527 on the east side of the Bridgers closed to motorized vehicles. This is excellent elk habitat and motorized vehicles in this area are hard on wildlife. I would like to see more trails only open to motorcycles and bicycles.

I would like to see leash laws enforced more proactively. If we take our kids hiking you can guarantee somebody's dog will come running down the trail and jump on my kids. Someday it's going to be a dangerous dog that bites one of my kids. People DO NOT leash their dogs and there really needs to be better enforcement on that.

Thank you for all your hard work and for the opportunity to comment!