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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the C-G Forest Plan Revision. As an ecologist and recreationist who has worked and recreated in Montana for nearly 30 years, I support a forest plan that maximizes ecological connectivity and function and minimizes or decreases disturbance to wildlife, native vegetation, water quality, soils, etc. I support the elements of each alternative listed below.

#### Alternatives

A: Keep current boundaries of the Recommended Wilderness Areas in the Lionhead Area of the Madison, Gallatin, and Henrys Lake Mountains Geographic Area. Keep current areas recommended for wilderness adjacent to the A-B Wilderness.

B: No motorized or mechanized recreation in the backcountry area in the Bad Canyon area of the A-B Geographic Area.

C: Accept the land designations proposed by the GFP agreement in the Madison, Gallatin, and Henrys Lake Mountains Geographic area. Recommended Wilderness Areas should be managed with no non-confirming uses.

D:

- \* In the Pryor Mountains, recommend wilderness areas in the Big Pryor, Bear Canyon, Punch Bowl, and Lost Water Canyon.

- \* Recommended Wilderness Areas in the Tongue River Breaks, Kind Mountain, and Cook Mountain areas of the Ashland RD

- \* Backcountry Area in the Chalk Buttes area of the Sioux RD

- \* Recommended Wilderness Areas in the Crazy Mountains

- \* The following Recommended Wilderness Areas additions adjacent to the A-B Wilderness: Dome Mountain, Chico Peak, Emigrant Peak, East Rosebud to Stillwater, Red Lodge Creek, West Fork Rock Creek

- \* Recommended Wilderness Areas managed with no non-confirming uses

- \* Mountain biking no longer a suitable use of the CD National Scenic Trail when the trail is within a recommended wilderness area