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Forest Plan Revision Team

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Dear Revision Team,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on The Custer Gallatin National Forest's Draft Management Plan.

Booming urban growth, advances in recreation technology, and climate change related impacts are putting more and more pressure on our public lands. It is critical that the new management plan get ahead of these threats by decreasing our recreation footprint, protecting wildlife populations, and implementing strategies to better adapt to a changing climate.

It is critical that we protect and expand inventoried roadless areas and convert as much of them as possible to recommended wilderness. These recommended wilderness areas shall include wildlife linkage areas, and enforceable climate change components.

This plan needs to emphasize the intrinsic value of wild places and the biota that need them to survive. There are so many extractive demands on our wild places - including motorized and mechanized uses, as well as what is traditionally considered extractive like logging, grazing, and mineral and oil and gas exploration and development, and so few quiet users who would have a minimal impact on the wildlife and biota. I support the adoption of Alternative D with the addition of further roadless areas advocated for by Montanans for Gallatin Wilderness, the Great Old Broads for Wilderness and others who are advocating for the maximum recommended wilderness.

I have recreated in these areas, and feel that maximum wilderness protection is the highest and best use of these lands.

I appreciate your consideration of my request.

Respectfully,

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