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Comments:

To preserve the magnificent natural habitat of our planet takes an ongoing commitment over many years. It takes the continued effort to hold strong against the desire of individuals who have their own, short-term interests at heart. It is not easy. It requires that we see ourselves as caretakers and guardians of something bigger than ourselves, bigger than the benefits of giving in to companies with deep pockets. It can take great courage and integrity.

To give in, and allow ourselves to destroy the ecosystems that have developed over millions of years when faced by the pressures of those who are invested in using the land for their own needs, is often actually much easier and it takes very little time.

I support the wilderness recommendations in Alternative D of the Revised Draft Forest Plan; however, I urge you to add the entire 230,000 wild, roadless acres of the Gallatin Range as Recommend Wilderness in the final forest plan.