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Comments:

I STRONGLY support Alternative D of the draft forest plan, which would limit motorized/mechanized traffic in the Custer Gallatin National Forest of Montana. I have been to this lovely area, backpacking for days in the wilderness and to see it reduced to a throughway for ATVers and motorbikers, not to mention mountain bikers, is NOT what wilderness signifies to me. Why cannot there be QUIET in the forest? If people want to go to the backwoods, they should have to walk, as others do. This ensures that everyone has a true backcountry experience.

I support Alternative D for the iconic animals who live in this natural world - moose and wolves, grizzly bears, mountain goats and bighorn sheep. They are particularly sensitive to noise and disturbance from human activity. Opening the wilderness to motorized/mechanized human activity could spell their doom. It has been my experience that anyone not willing to walk cannot conceive that their noise (and the smell of their gasoline engines!) might be disturbing to those who prefer to see the wilderness as it is.

The opportunities to get away from development and human disturbance dwindle as we crowd this earth. Please do not remove the Custer Gallatin National Forest from the list of places where it is possible to be in the Natural World!