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Comments:

I am writing to support wilderness recommendations in Alternative D of the Revised Draft Forest Plan. I further suggest that an additional 200,000 acres of the Gallatin Range be included as wilderness.

In order to protect this potential wilderness, all motorized uses be prohibited, in order to preserve wilderness values until a final determination is made by Congress.

It is also recommended that the size of the groups and number of stock animals be reduced to 8 head of stock and 12 people for the Lee Metcalf and Absaroka-Beartooth Wildernesses. This will reduce the negative impact of large numbers of each on the fragile wilderness ecosystems.

Fish stocking of naturally fishless lakes should be eliminated. It impacts the ecological balance when adding fish to these lakes.

As with any intensive use by peoples and stock, there is the issue of feces. This presents an issue of contamination of streams and lakes. Steps must be taken to deal with and reduce this critical issue.