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Comments:

Strengthen and adopt enforceable standards for
Alternative D

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The best available scientific information
supports strengthening alternative D with strong
enforceable standards for American bison, bighorn sheep,
and threatened grizzly bears

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Conserving American bison viability and diversity
should be a forest wide standard. In all forests.
Freedom for American bison to roam National Forest
habitat should be a forest wide standard!

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Restoring connectivity to habitat
for American bison should be a forest wide standard.
To restore connectivity, and conserve the
viability and diversity of American bison's genetically
distinct subpopulations, the Custer Gallatin needs to
adopt a standard to close and not permit cattle
grazing allotments within American bison range.

To restore connectivity, and conserve the
viability and diversity of native bighorn sheep
populations, the Custer Gallatin needs to adopt a standard
to not permit domestic sheep grazing within bighorn sheep range.

The best available scientific information supports
including enforceable forest wide standards to
protect key linkage areas, connectivity to habitat, and
food security for threatened grizzly bears. The Custer
Gallatin must adopt a forest wide standard for all
grazing permits requiring "let-down" fencing and remove
barriers that impede migration of native species.

Restore more wetlands, creek banks, and pond edges through
strong standards and more yearly projects to
benefit American bison and native species diversity.
The Custer Gallatin has a duty to fulfill its responsibilities
and trust obligations safeguarding treaty rights, sacred species,
sacred sites, and traditional cultural places of significance
to aboriginal people. In its' direction for American bison,
the Custer Gallatin must rely upon the best available
scientific information.

The State of Montana's arbitrarily defined "tolerance zones" for American bison on the National Forest are not based on the best available scientific information!

Please follow the best available scientific information and support alternative D.