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Comments:

Integrating the Gallatin Forest Partnership Agreement's framework is a necessity for the next management plan for the Custer-Gallatin, as the current plan does not adequately address human impacts, usage and future population growth.

The Partnership Agreement's proposed wilderness expansion in the areas between Hyalite and Ramshorn Peaks east of the Porcupine-Buffalo Wildlife Management Area will better support the Forest Service's stated management goal of supporting migration corridors. Designating the Porcupine-Buffalo and Hyalite Watershed Areas as Special Management Areas would likewise better accomplish stated goals of watershed- and -source management while protecting Bozeman's water sources into the future, when they will require more careful management under the strain of a growing population and the increasing effects of climate change.

Almost without exception, Alternative E for any given Objective is unacceptably superficial, and should be struck from the plan.

Native species that have significantly exceeded their historic ranges and are supplanting or threatening the populations of native species within historic ranges (e.g., pine beetles) should be considered as invasive for the purposes of the management plan.

Where grazing and similar overuse have contributed to substantial changes in the distribution of terrestrial vegetation, the plan should seek to restore those areas.

Lastly, there is no defensible reason for naming anything after Custer, and the Forest Service should make efforts to remove his name from Forest Service lands.