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Comments:

Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the Forest Plan revision. As a 25-year resident in Livingston, the Forest Plan revision is important to me and my family and indeed, critical to shaping the future of our economy and way of life. I offer these comments as one who has done a massive amount of recreation on the CGNF-- camping, hunting, hiking, skiing and mountaineering. I am well familiar with many parts of the Forest and love it much.

All that said, I have not, nor do I intend, to do a thorough review of the proposed revision so I offer mostly general plus a few specific comments:

- 1) I urge you to incorporate the recommendations of the Gallatin Range Partnership into your final decision. It represents the best, most logical way to approach use of the Gallatin Range.
- 2) The Crazy Mountains are uniquely special and future management must be focused on protecting and preserving the wildland/wilderness qualities and for wildlife protection and benefit. The Forest needs to commit to working with landowners to acquire inholding sections.
- 3) Bison- the plan appears to be a bit passive on bison restoration. I request that the Forest commit to a more proactive approach with the purchase of active grazing leases and retiring them to wildlife in areas with suitable bison habitat.
- 4) The CGNF is a recreation forest that is an underpinning of our region's economy and way of life. The highest value of the CGNF is as a wildlife, wildlands and low-impact recreation place. Please do not attempt to return the Forest to the 'bad old days' of resource extraction. Our region and our economy has moved beyond that.
- 5) The Forest Plan must commit to keeping all current roadless areas roadless and disallow even temporary roadbuilding.

That's about it. The Forest Plan is a critical thing for our communities. Things have changed here in teh 25 years I've been here and your public expects the Plan to reflect where the community is at. Err on the side of protection and preservation and you will not go wrong.

Thank you,