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Comments:

After reviewing the possible proposals, I believe that Alternative D offers the best balance of long-term protections for wilderness areas, while balancing the increased need for recreation possibilities for the growing population of Montana, and particularly the Bozeman area. In particular, I agree whole-heartedly with the Gallatin Forest Partnership proposals for long term protections for extended areas in the Lee Metcalf Wilderness, Spanish Peaks Wilderness, Madison and Gallatin range wilderness designations, and other wilderness surrounding Yellowstone National Park. Furthermore, the philosophy and thinking behind the proposal from the Gallatin Forest Partnership should be applied to other parts of the Custer Gallatin Forest such as the Crazies and Absaroka ranges.

While I enjoy taking my family "car camping" and will appreciate the addition of additional camping sites surrounding the proposed wilderness areas, we need to think long-term for protection of the ecosystems that make the Custer Gallatin NF so valuable to our well-being. In other words, I'm willing to have less access to the forest personally, in order to protect it for future generations and for the wildlife that calls it home.