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Comments:

I urge you to strengthen and adopt Alternative D as the choice for the Custer Gallatin Forest Plan revision.

The plan must incorporate the best available scientific information. That information supports including enforceable Forest-wide standards to protect key linkage areas, habitat connectivity, and food security for threatened grizzly bears. The Forest-wide standard must allow American bison to roam National Forest habitat, and must not permit cattle grazing allotments in American bison range, nor must domestic sheep be permitted to graze in bighorn sheep range.

The Custer Gallatin should become a leader in the development of wildlife safe passages on highways constructed in migration corridors on the National Forest, and in the restoration of wetlands, creek banks, pond edges, and riparian habitat to benefit American bison and native species diversity.

Thank you for considering this comment. Please strengthen and adopt Alternative D.