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Comments:

As a multi-use multi-season user of the Gallatin Forest I am incredibly worried about Alternative D. It's a huge land grab for only two types of forest users hidden under the guise that most of this land must be Wilderness. As a back country horse rider that's great but I'm also a snowmobiler, dirtbiker, and mountain biker. This forest is the reason for me living here and the reason why so many people come to visit Bozeman. I want to be able to enjoy and share my love of the forest with people who may not be able to ride a horse or backpack 20+ miles.

I'm also a proponent of allowing harvesting renewable resources such as timber. It is preferable to steel and other non-renewable sources of building material because as the trees grow they are a carbon dioxide sink. When they burn in a wildfire they release that CO2 so it's preferable that the available fire fuel in the forests be managed to reduce the size of fires.

Choosing to designate land as wilderness must be done carefully and for good cause because that land will never be restored to it's previous uses. There are groups with ill intentions to all recreation users but their own who know that by having this done will slowly close off access to all other users because there are no routes through a forest except their use. This has happened in other forests and the forests are nearly empty because they are too rugged and remote for the only users who ended up with access.

My main concern is that Alternative D not be chosen because it will likely make me reconsider living in the area. There are already large wilderness areas in the area. I don't see the need to add more.