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Comments:

First, the best available science weighs in favor of listing American bison as a species of conservation concern because there is "substantial concern about the species' capability to persist over the long term" on the National Forest. The decision belongs to Region 1's Regional Forester (Dave Schmid is currently the interim forester). Allocating buffalo habitat to cattle, permitting fencing schemes that impede connectivity to habitat, and setting up government traps are stressors and factors supporting the listing of American bison as a species of conservation concern (PDF). I support of strengthening Alternative D by setting strong standards to achieve the "desired condition" of viable, self-sustaining populations of American bison on the National Forest. Listing American bison as a species of conservation concern, reintroducing fire as a natural force in expanding habitat, removing barriers to migration, securing habitat onnectivity, are a sample of substantive comments to advocate for.