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I am writing in support of the wilderness recommendations in Alternative D of the Revised Draft Forest Plan, however, I urge you to improve them by adding the entire 230,000 wild, roadless acres of the Gallatin Range as Recommend Wilderness in the final forest plan. Ideally, the plan should prohibit all motorized and mechanized uses as well (and any other activities inconsistent with wilderness protection) in the Recommended Wilderness areas so as to preserve their wilderness qualities until Congress acts on the wilderness recommendations. The plan also needs to address the issue of human and pack animal feces contamination of lakes and streams on the Beartooth Plateau in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness--perhaps eliminating fish stocking would aid in solving this problem, but additional measures would be necessary as well. Thank you for all you can do to ensure every one of our last remaining wild places remain just that--wild. We need them all now more than ever.