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Forest Plan Revision Team

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Dear Revision Team,

Dear USFS Forest Plan Revision Team,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on The Custer Gallatin National Forest's Draft Management Plan. I am a retired NPS Park Ranger and have also worked for the USFS and the BLM. I have been in the area on & off since the 1950s and have owned property in Paradise Valley for over 35 years.

I support the full incorporation of the Gallatin Forest Partnership (GFP) Agreement into the plan for the Gallatin and Madison ranges.

In addition, I am requesting the USFS increase or enhance public access (ROW easements and/or section corner crossings, for example) to the checkerboard sections of public properties (USFS, BLM & State) that border Paradise Valley. Specifically to Crystal Cross Mountain via Rock Creek, where old access roads have been closed by private landowners. (I previously contacted the Gardiner USFS office about one such road closure where the adjacent landowner was using it via ATV because his property had access to that old road.) I also request similar improved access to Dome Mountain and Tom Miner Basin areas, plus the Hyalites, from Paradise Valley.

I support maximum Wilderness designation wherever possible on the USFS and I support the 30+ Wild and Scenic River designations where appropriate.

Habitat protections for grizzly bears and bison must also be a priority and I support both be designated as a Species of Conservation Concern. It is way past due that these animals be treated on par or above with livestock.

I support continued scrutiny and mandatory compliance with maximum

level NEPA regulations by any mining operations that are on going or planned on USFS lands in the Yellowstone River drainage.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
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Respectfully,

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