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Comments:

"Thousands of tired, nerve-shaken, over-civilized people are beginning to find out that going to the mountains is going home; that wildness is a necessity."

For the most part, I agree with John Muir, and I support the wilderness recommendations in Alternative D of the Revised Draft Forest Plan. But . . . you must improve Alternative D by adding the entire 230,000 wild, roadless acres of the Gallatin Range as Recommend Wilderness in the final forest plan.

Please don't be tempted to add in special provision language in your wilderness recommendations in the forest plan.

In all areas recommended for wilderness, you must -- above all -- preserve the wilderness character. The plan should prohibit all motorized and mechanized uses and any other activities not consistent with wilderness protection. Don't disqualify illegal roads punched by mountainbikers and ATVers because that only emboldens the bastards. Preserve these lands' wilderness qualities until Congress acts on the wilderness recommendations.

And what about the Absaroka-Beartooth and Lee Metcalf Wildernesses? The current wilderness management plans allows destructively large groups of up to 25 head of stock (horses and mules) and 15 people in most areas. You're not going to let this continue, are you? Impacts increase significantly when group-sizes exceed eight head of stock and 12 people. Reduce group size accordingly to protect wilderness character. End all ecologically destructive fish stocking in wilderness lakes.

Speaking of alpine lakes in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness, the idea they are contaminated by human and pack animal feces is outrageous. Do your job. Do something about this contamination of lakes and streams on the Beartooth Plateau in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness.