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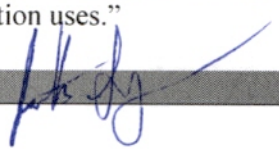
**I object to the Custer Gallatin National Forest Plan for the following reason:**

The Draft Record of Decision on page 1 states "the Custer Gallatin National Forest has a history of multiple co-existing uses, including recreation……", yet the Custer Gallatin National Forest Draft Plan focuses on segregating uses to in their words, "avoid user conflict.

In my time of recreating in the Custer Gallatin National Forest I can honestly say conflict between users is very rare, if ever. People wishing to enjoy our area of public lands are inspired by the unique landscape and appreciate others they meet and share their experiences. In my mind the Forest Service should not be making decisions based on prejudice, discrimination, intolerance, and bias but this is what has been included in the plan. The Forest Service should not give in to interests that expect exclusive-use of the forest. The Forest Service should manage the forest such that all users are expected to share the forest with others.

The Forest Plan decisions on appropriate recreation activity is not being based on science but rather an arbitrary land allocations based on an assumed condition. I request the Forest Service revisit this decision and adjust these land allocations more fairly based on their statement of having "a history of multiple co-existing recreation uses."

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