

Custer Gallatin Land Management Plan Revision Objection Template

Objector's name: Linda Kelly

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Name of lead objector (if more than one): _____

Please specify whether this objection is to the Custer Gallatin Land Management Plan or the Regional Forester's list of species of conservation concern (SCC) by checking the applicable box:

☒ **Land Management Plan**

☒ **Regional Forester's List of SCC**

Statement of issues and/or parts of the plan revision to which the objection applies:

I, Linda Kelly of Fox River Grove IL, file my objections to Custer Gallatin Forest Supervisor Mary C. Erickson's decision for failing to provide standards in the land management plan to secure habitat for American Bison to roam. I also object to the Northern Region Regional Forester Leanne M. Marten's decision for failing to make legal designations securing habitat for viable American bison herds on our National Forests. There is no listing for American Bison as a species of conservation concern, thus denying them a designation for securing habitat for viable American bison herds on our National Forests.

The Yellowstone Buffalo are sacred to tribal people, they are an American National Treasure and our National Mammal. They should be listed as a species of conservation concern.

Concise statement explaining the objection and suggestion how the proposed plan should be improved:

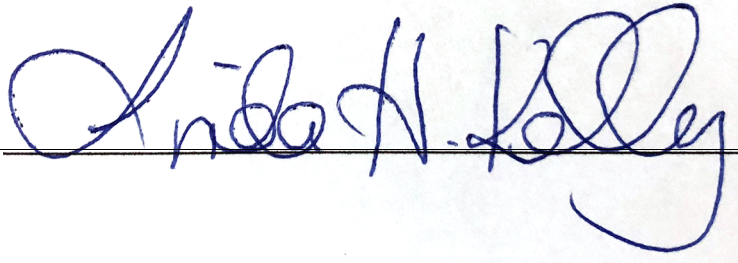
- **The reasons for this objection are: I strongly object to the current method of killing buffalo who due to their instinct and DNA, roam into Gardiner, Montana, Stephens Creek and Gardner Basin.**
- **Proposed Solution: The Custer Gallatin National Forest should include standards for securing habitat for American bison to roam. American bison should be returned to their natural habitat in the Custer Gallatin National Forest. The science has stated they need more habitat to be able to allow their population to grow to a genetically viable self sustaining size. This will return ecological balance to the Yellowstone ecosystem and provide spiritual, cultural and educational opportunities for all Americans, especially the tribes of the Great Sioux Nation.**
- **The Yellowstone buffalo do meet the criteria to be considered a species of conservation concern.**

Statement demonstrating the link between objection and prior formal comments:

I am a signatory on the document, "American Bison a Species of Conservation Concern".

I speak up for the American Bison of Yellowstone and want them to be able to migrate in our National Forests.

Signature:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Linda H. Kelly", is written over a horizontal line. The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Linda" being the most prominent part.

Send written objections to: USDA Forest Service, Objection Reviewing Officer, Northern Region, 26 Fort Missoula Road, Missoula, MT 59804.

Office hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., excluding Federal holidays. Given current health and safety guidelines an appointment must be made in advance.

Send objection online at: <https://cara.ecosystem-management.org/Public//CommentInput?Project=50185>

Electronic submissions must be submitted in a format that is readable with optical character recognition software (e.g., Word, PDF, Rich Text) and must be searchable. An automated response will confirm that your electronic objection has been received.

Send faxed objections to: (406) 329-3411.

The fax coversheet must include a subject line with "Custer Gallatin Land Management Plan Objection," or "Custer Gallatin Species of Conservation Concern" and should specify the number of pages being submitted.

Individuals who use telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday.