

Custer Gallatin Land Management Plan Revision Objection

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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:

Buffalo Field Campaign files our objections to Custer Gallatin Forest Supervisor Mary C. Erickson's decision for failing to provide binding standards in the land management plan, and 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.

Concise statement explaining the objection and suggestion how the proposed plan should be improved: Concise statements of Buffalo Field Campaign's objections and improvements are provided in the PDF document Buffalo Field Campaign Objections (September 8, 2020).

- **The reasons for this objection are:** Reasoning and evidence is provided in the PDF document Buffalo Field Campaign Objections (September 8, 2020).
- **Proposed Solution:** Solutions are provided in the PDF document Buffalo Field Campaign Objections (September 8, 2020).

Statement demonstrating the link between objection and prior formal comments:

Buffalo Field Campaign participated in public meetings and submitted substantive comments during public scoping and throughout the Custer Gallatin National Forest land management plan revision process requesting the Regional Forester list American bison as a species of conservation concern in the Northern Region, and the Forest Supervisor provide binding standards securing American bison habitat in the Custer Gallatin planning area.

Signature: 

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.

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