

# Custer Gallatin Land Management Plan Revision Objection Template

**Objector's name:**

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

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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:**

- **This Objection is to the Custer Gallatin Land Management Plan**

**Statement of issues and/or parts of the plan revision to which the objection applies:** My Objection has to do with recreational pack goat use.

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

- **The reasons for this objection are:** Under "Suitability," the Draft Plan states: "
- Alternatives B and C: Recreational use of pack goats is not suitable in the Madison, Henrys Lake, and Gallatin Mountains; Absaroka-Beartooth; or Pryor Mountain Geographic Areas.
- Alternative D: Recreational use of pack goats is not suitable forestwide. Alternative E: Recreational use of pack goats is suitable forestwide." A site-specific risk analysis needs to be performed, taking into account mitigation measures to reduce risk of contact between pack goats and Wild Sheep, using Best Available Science and actual RISK of disease transmission.
- **Proposed Solution:** An analysis needs to be done, PRIOR to the Decision being signed, of the effects of these actions on pack goat users, as well as an analysis of the effects of closing off these areas to the risk of disease transmission between pack goats (not just all domestic goats, but specifically pack goats), and wild sheep.

**Statement demonstrating the link between objection and prior formal comments:** It is premature to close off certain areas to under Alternatives B,C, and E, without evaluating the impacts first, with only a vague hint at doing an analysis in the future.

I request to meet with the Deciding Official to try to resolve my Objection. If for some reason I do not qualify as an Objector, I wish to be an "Interested Person." Thank you.

**Signature:** /s/ Irene Saphra

**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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