Interested Person Request

I would like to participate as an interested person in the objection resolution discussions for one or more of the identified objection issues for the Custer Gallatin National Forest 2020 Land Management Plan or the regional forester’s list of species of conservation concern (SCC).

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**Name of lead interested person (if more than one)**:

**I am interested in participating in any resolution discussions between the objector(s) and the reviewing official for the following objection issues:**

We are interested in objections on Wild and Scenic River eligibility determinations. We are aware of at least three objections addressing this issue, those submitted by Ian McIntosh, American Rivers, and the Greater Yellowstone Coalition.

**Please provide a brief explanation of your interest in the objection(s) and any specific concern(s), including a description of your support or opposition to the objection(s):**

American Whitewater is supportive of additional Wild and Scenic eligibility determinations because we are confident that numerous streams that were found ineligible in the Forest Plan possess outstanding remarkable values that qualify them as eligible. All three of the objections listed above contain evidence that we find compelling and accurate in support of eligibility determinations. In our comments on the DEIS we requested eight additional streams be found eligible for Wild and Scenic designation, several of which were also requested in the objections for which we now seek interested party status. These streams were: Bear Creek, Absaroka Mountains; Buffalo Creek, Absaroka Mountains; Hellroaring Creek, Absaroka Mountains; Porcupine Creek, Gallatin Range; Lower Hyalite Creek, Gallatin Range; South Fork Madison River, Hebgen Basin; Taylor Fork River, Madison Mountains; Sweetgrass Creek, Crazy Mountains.

**Please identify when you commented during the planning process (scoping, draft EIS, and/or final EIS):**

American Whitewater submitted comments on the DEIS on June 4, 2019 as a signatory of Outdoor Alliance Montana’s comments (submitted by Hilary Eisen).

**Signature:**

