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Comments: Hello my name is Drew,

My wife, daughter and I spend around 10 -15 days a year hunting, camping, hiking and trail riding in the GCNF. We spend another 10-15 days a year doing the same in the beaverhead deer lodge NF. I support alternative D-roadless and wilderness areas wherever they are appropriate. We regularly see elk, moose, grizzlies and black bears and lots of them in roadless and wilderness areas. These animals are much harder to find near roads and atv trails. Furthermore the difference in quality of elk hunting and numbers of elk between Forest Service lands with grazing allotments and without is striking. For instance, in a dry year by the time elk season rolls around in the snow rest and the tobacco roots the AMU's are nearly gone-everything looks like a tan putting green and elk are scarce. In the Lee Metcalf Wilderness and adjacent roadless units where there are no grazing allotments, the AMU's are always available and elk always abundant at least until the snow gets deep. With Bozeman and Livingston growing the way they are I would like to see an expansion of roadless and wilderness areas to protect Big game and big game hunting opportunities.