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I am writing to comment on a letter and list of supporters for a large Wilderness area in the Gallatin Range. This letter of support was written by biologists, wildlife advocates and members of the scientific community. One scientist who contributed, Dr. Reed Noss, has written studies in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

His scientific studies have been an important resource to me as I work to understand the ecosystem and its' importance for wildlife. Dr. Noss has done considerable work on areas that are irreplaceable and should be conserved if we are going to protect the sustainability of the ecosystem and which areas are irreplaceable.

I am attaching one of his studies, Multicriteria Assessment of the Irreplaceability of sites in the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. When you look at pages 904 and 905 you will see almost all of the West Yellowstone area that borders YNP are important areas and the areas that are north of the park.

This plan does not protect these areas.

Other scientists on the list have great knowledge of the tremendous importance of the GYE/Montana. Please look at other work by Dr. Noss and others on the list.

Attached is Dr. Noss's study, the letter that he supports and the list of other noteworthy supporters

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Attachments (2)

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