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I'm writing in support of Alternative D, the best plan proposed for preserving wild lands in the Custer Gallatin National Forest. While multi-use, recreational lands have vocal supporters, the truth is we have an abundance of such areas across the region. The same cannot be said for intact wild ecosystems that sustain the diverse species of wild life so beloved by people here and across the country.

If we do not act now to set aside a substantial percentage of wild lands in the greater Yellowstone ecosystem and other areas of the Gallatin/Custer National Forest, these increasingly rare resources will continue to shrink, as will opportunities for people to experience untrammelled nature now and in the future.