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As a property owner border mt land since 1946 in Bridger Canton, here are some thoughts and observation underline are important to me.

Wilderness:[bull] Gallatin Range comprises a very important piece of the Greater Yellowstone ecosystem[bull] The Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem is the largest essentially intact functioning ecosystem in the temperate zones of the world.[bull] Gallatin Range contains the last major roadless area in the northern Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem and priceless lands.[middot][bull] Need to safeguard key wildlife habitat areas and secure a 40-mile long unbroken habitat link for grizzly bears.[bull] There is 230,000 acres of roadless lands that meet the criteria of wilderness character. Anything less would be short changing future generations of the spectacular wildlands for wildlife.[bull] There is 711,000 acres of potential wilderness lands that has been set aside in Alternative Some of these lands will be in the Gallatins, Pryors, and other current wildernessareas.Wildlife:[bull] , Proclaimed by prominent scientists that the Hyalite Porcupine Buffalo Horn wilderness Stud Area (HPH WSA) is renowned for it's wildlife. Species such as grizzly and black bear, wolverine, moose and so many other species inhabit the slopes of the Gallatin Range. we need to preserve this![bull] The Gallatin Range serves as a wildlife corridor and connectivity route for a variety of species who are trying to reach other ecosystems to the north. (Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem)[bull] Please ask the CGNF to state that the I-90 corridor between Bozeman and Livingston is a permeable barrier to wildlife. This relates to wildlife connectivity in order that wildlife can and may move northward without fear of mortality on the interstate.[bull] There needs to be among the Forest Service the acknowledgement of a greater number of species of conservation concern. Species such as bison, bighorn sheep and others need to be reviewed as meeting this -criteria.Wildlife species which require large landscapes need to be able to move in order to fight ill effects of climate change. [middot]With hotter drier weather patterns, will leave more changes for fire. It has been show that timber harvesting and dries out a forest faster than leaving the forest intact. This could lead to more vegetative change. This is very important in my area and not understood by very many people.Wilderness and National Parks are best to sustain an ecosystem when the effects of climate change are factored in.Timber harvest actually increases the release of carbon into the atmosphere enhancing ill effects of climate change. This also something that is not understood by very many people and is very important to us all.