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Comments: Please see attached the comments from 21,097 Center for Biological Diversity supporters regarding South Plateau Area Landscape Treatment Project #57353.

I urge you to terminate the South Plateau project proposed for the Custer Gallatin National Forest, which provides habitat for abundant wildlife. South Plateau would chainsaw hundreds of clearcuts, each up to 30 football fields in size, with the majority of the clearcuts in mature forest. Some logging would occur just a few hundred feet from the boundary of Yellowstone National Park. The project would also bulldoze up to 57 miles of [ldquo]temporary[rdquo] road. This would destroy and fragment secure habitat for species including imperiled lynx and grizzly bears, as well as increasing the potential for poaching and other harmful human-bear interactions. The proposal also contradicts President Biden[rsquo]s directive in Executive Order 14,072 to conserve mature and old-growth forests for their tremendous wildlife, carbon-storage and watershed-protection values. And all this devastation would come at an estimated \$3 million price tag to taxpayers. At an absolute minimum, the U.S. Forest Service must prepare a full environmental impact statement, rather than a lower-level assessment, for this long-term, massive project. I urge you to protect the Yellowstone ecosystem, its wildlife and our mature forests by terminating the South Plateau project.