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Comments: Please review the best available scientific information that supports identifying wild buffalo as a Focal Species in the Custer Gallatin Forest Plan. Wild buffalo are a keystone species, and ecological engineers that shape grassland diversity and provide habitat for many plant and animal species that the U.S. Congress requires you protect.

The best available scientific information and public concern for wild buffalo support changing the Forest Plan to list wild buffalo as a Species of Conservation Concern and Focal Species on the Custer Gallatin National Forest. It's time for the Custer Gallatin to do more for wild buffalo on our National Forests.

How can this valuable animal be declared the National Mammal a few months ago, and now have so little significance? What changed between then and now that has caused such turmoil within the confines of that decision? Needless to say, the wild buffalo is the same, so something in the minds of certain people has caused this negative impact. There should not be any question about the need to protect and provide for this animal!