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Comments: Custer-Gallatin National Forest Plan Revision comments

Dear Supervisor Erickson:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Custer-Gallatin National Forest Plan Revision.

Please recognize these last genetically-pure, free-roaming, wild bison as the wild animals they are--NOT livestock belonging to the Montana Dept. of Livestock. These bison have a right to live peacefully on the Custer-Gallatin National Forest, especially considering its connection with Yellowstone National Park. The new Plan Revision needs to serve the needs of iconic native buffalo.

For hundreds of years, bison in the Custer-Gallatin National Forest region have been hazed and slaughtered. As a native-born citizen of the U.S., I consider these buffalo part of my birthright and it is very distressing to read about the persecution and killing of these iconic beings on my public lands.

Finally, the blueprint for the Custer-Gallatin can recognize and accommodate a keystone, historical resident: our wild buffalo. This is something to celebrate.

Sincerely,

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