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I am writing to you regarding the Custer-Gallatin National Forest and its revision of its forest plan to guide how the agency makes decisions affecting the forest. The old plan has been in effect for 29 years and makes no mention of buffalo. Under the outdated plan, the Gallatin National Forest permitted the Montana Department of Livestock to set up traps on the forest to capture hundreds of buffalo that were shipped to slaughter. It's time for decision makers to serve the needs of this iconic native species that has naturally returned to lands that are their birthright.

I encourage the agency to include provisions for migratory buffalo in the revised forest plan.

It's up to you to see that migratory buffalo have a place and a secure future on America's National Forests.

Sincerely,
Evelyn Ball