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The Custer-Gallatin National Forest is revising 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 Under the outdated plan, the Gallatin National Forest permitted the Montana Department of Livestock to set up traps on the forest to capture hundreds of buffalo that were shipped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. Please get involved in the forest plan revision. This is your opportunity to advocate for managing habitat on America's National Forests for migratory buffalo. The first phase of assessment is underway and ends this summer.

The Custer-Gallatin's assessment "involves an evaluation of relevant information including existing ecological, economic, and social conditions and trends across the broader landscape that will help inform the need to change the 1985 Forest Plan." The Custer-Gallatin's assessment includes taking into account the best available science, "local information, national perspectives, and native knowledge."

We are contacting the Custer-Gallatin National Forest and encourage the agency to include provisions for migratory buffalo in the revised forest plan.

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