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Dear Supervisor Erickson and the CGNF Forest Plan Revision Team

I write in support of Buffalo Field Campaign's evaluation of the Custer Gallatin's Draft Assessment. I urge you to change the Forest Plan to identify wild buffalo as a Species of Conservation Concern and Focal Species.

I support the Regional Forester identifying wild buffalo as a Species of Conservation Concern on the Custer Gallatin National Forest.

As you probably are aware, there is substantial concern among the general public about the future of wild buffalo in the Yellowstone ecosystem. I am writing from California because I visit Yellowstone every year with my family, where we cherish our experience of wild America. My son has been so marked by our visits that he was an intern in the archives of Yellowstone National Park in Summer 2015, through a program at Stanford University. Both my children care deeply about the Yellowstone environment, anchored by wild migratory bison. I hope we may pass it on to them intact.

I also support identifying wild buffalo as a Focal Species on the Custer Gallatin National Forest.

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.

Again, on behalf of my children, myself and families across the US, I encourage to you to list wild buffalo as a Species of Conservation Concern and Focal Species on the Custer Gallatin National Forest.

Thank you for your consideration.

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