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Comments: Custer Gallatin's Draft Assessment

Dear Supervisor Erickson and the CGNF Forest Plan Revision Team

I am writing due to the Custer Gallatin's Draft Assessment. The Forest Plan must 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.

The best available scientific information qualifies wild buffalo for the list of Species of Conservation Concern to be decided by the Regional Forester. There is substantial concern among the public about the viability and future of wild buffalo in the Yellowstone ecosystem. Habitat on our National Forests is critical to ensuring the persistence of this migratory species.

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

The best available scientific information 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 to 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. The Custer Gallatin must do more for wild buffalo on our National Forests.

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