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I am writing to urge you to manage habitat for wild buffalo as part of your forest plan. Custer Gallatin is the only National Forest occupied by wild, migratory and intact buffalo but have not been identified as a potential species of conservation concern.

Custer Gallatin identifies bison only as a species of interest which is not defined in the existing forest plan rule and thus is a pointless designation. I ask that you review all the recent scientific information that indicates the wild buffalo should be on the list of species of conservation concern. These reports come from organizations such as International Union for Conservation of Nature, The Montana Heritage Program and Montana Fish, Wildlife, And Parks.

Custer Gallatin National Park has been part of the wild Buffalo's natural migratory trail for centuries. It is a place the go to for winter food and survival. Our country has named the buffalo it's National Mammal and the Yellowstone Wild Buffalo are truly a national mammal as they carry the genes from the original herd of the 1800's.

I appeal to you to add the buffalo to the of potential list of Species of Conservation Concern. We must all do what we can to protect this magnificent and historic creature.

Thank You,
Joan M Bundy

Sent from my iPad