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Comments: Assessment of Existing Conditions/Need to Change Feedback

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 and agree there is a need 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.

Please review the best available scientific information that 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 beloved migratory species.

I also support the Custer Gallatin 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.

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. It's time for the Custer Gallatin to do more for wild buffalo on our National Forests.

All the scientific information probably will not matter one bit to any of you. What disturbs me is this is a National Forest and should be used for the wild life more than for the cattle that the ranchers are responsible for not the American people. The Bison need to be able to be on National Forest land. The world is growing and people are over taking their lands everywhere. Am tired of hearing that the wild life have to suffer for the greed of the people/ranchers/hunters. There are sacred things we need to save and help so future generations can also enjoy them.

In God we trust. Please.

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