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Comments: I would like to comment on the Custer Gallatin draft Forest Plan. I have reviewed the document, and have hiked and traveled in this area for years.

I strongly encourage the FS to designate the Cowboy's Heaven portion of the Madison Range as recommended wilderness. This area provides important connection between the Lee Metcalf Wilderness and contiguous wild country on the Beaverhead Deerlodge NF.

The Crazy Mountains deserve protection as recommended wilderness. This is premier wild country and it would be crazy not to protect it.

The Pryor Mountains are a rare chunk of wild country surrounded by developed landscapes. Much of the public land in the Pryors has been overrun by jeeps and ATVs. Please recommend wilderness protection for the wild parts of the Pryors, including Big Pryor, Puchbowl and Bear Canyon.

The Gallatin Range offers superb hiking opportunities and also provides an important component of the large and valuable wild country and wildlife habitat of the greater Yellowstone region. Please add recommended wilderness protection to the southern portion of the RA, and to the Big Creek area.

The precious remaining wild country of this area is far more valuable to the future as wilderness, than as a playground for bikes and motors. There are extensive areas available for mechanized recreation, and bikes and motors are simply incompatible with truly wild country.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.