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Comments: I am sending you this email in regard to the Custer Gallatin Forest Plan Revision. I ask that you select Alternative D for future management of this national forest. This Alternative recommends the addition of 36 additional wilderness areas totaling 711.00 acres. Also, I ask that you also include the addition of 230,000 acres of the Gallatin Range Wilderness Study Area for wilderness protection. In regards to the Gallatin Range, I ask that you take into consideration the following:

(1) I ask that you ban all motorized and mechanized uses in this wilderness study area until Congress makes a decision for this wilderness study area in order to maintain the wilderness quality of this area.

(2) In regards to the Absaroka-Beartooth and Lee Metcalf Wilderness Areas, I ask that you limit the number of people there no more than eight in a single party and also the number of stock (horses and mules) to no more than eight animals in any given group to minimize the ecological impact on these wilderness areas. In addition, I ask that you stop the practice of stocking fish into lakes and streams there which have no naturally occurring fish populations to maintain the wilderness quality of the area.

(3) In regards to the Absaroka Plateau in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Plateau, I ask that you address the problems brought about by human and animal feces contamination. I believe that not allowing fish stocking there would go a long way towards addressing this particular problem.

Thank you for your consideration of my views on the Custer Gallatin Forest Management Revision Plan.