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Comments: Just a few points of concern.

For one thing, what about the Absaroka-Beartooth and Lee-Metcalf wildernesses? The plan for dealing with those seems... sparse. You currently allow groups of up to 25 head of stock (horses and mules) and 15 people in most areas. Research shows that impacts increase significantly when group-sizes exceed eight head of stock and 12 people. Why not reduce group size limits accordingly so as to protect all Wildernesses on the forest from harm? While you're at it, the forest plan should put an end to ecologically destructive fish stocking in naturally fishless wilderness lakes, which significantly alters the areas' natural conditions.

For another, where's the plan to address human and pack-animal feces contaminating area streams and groundwater tables?

Is there any particular reason you're leaving vacant grazing allotments open? They should be closed, and the areas allowed to return to a natural condition.

No trail construction or reconstruction in the currently trailless areas of the Absaroka Beartooth and Lee Metcalf Wildernesses. This provides remote areas for wildlife as well as premier areas for solitude.

I support the wilderness recommendations in Alternative D of the Revised Draft Forest Plan; however, they must be improved by adding the entire 230,000 wild, roadless acres of the Gallatin Range as Recommend Wilderness in the final forest plan. The following three points also expand on the importance for the wild Gallatin Range.

The plan should prohibit all motorized and mechanized uses, and any other activities not consistent with wilderness protection, in the Recommended Wilderness areas so as to preserve their wilderness qualities until Congress acts on the wilderness recommendations.