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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

I love and value Yellowstone National Park and the surrounding areas which support it in its wildness. I have visited the area and the park many times. I particularly love the park because of its wildness and its wildlife. I do not see it as an area suited to mechanized and motorized vehicles and pastimes. Yes, I have driven the Beartooth Highway, but I do not want to intrude further on the wilderness by using snowmobiles, etc. I think the government maintains plenty of roads for vehicles, and at great expense. Let the wilderness near Yellowstone be free of further vehicles, so that its wildlife can live in peace---as they were meant to. The people who have flooded into Bozeman and the area can take their pleasures on other lands; it would be the public-spirited course of action to save the land as pristine for all Americans, for all the world, and for the animals who live there. I don't think there should horse and mule groups of such large size allowed there, since the feces left by animals and humans pollutes the waters. I also think vacant lands that have been used for holding animals & grazing should be allowed to return to their natural condition. No trails should be built in the currently trailless areas of the Absaroka Beartooth and Lee Metcalf Wildernesses.

I support the wilderness recommendations in Alternative D of the draft forest plan; however they must be improved by adding the entire 230,000 wild, roadless acres of the Gallatin Range as Recommended Wilderness in the final forest plan. Thank you so much for taking my comment and I hope you will protect this area from overuse by people, even if it means I can't go back there.