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Comments: I strongly support the Gallatin Forest Partnership Agreement as providing a balanced approach to future management of the CGNF.

Much has been made of wilderness being the gold standard for forests, but in fact wilderness in its self is only part of the Gallatin Range equation. The unifying factor for the vast majority of Gallatin Range interests is wildlife, and wildlife is best served by creating wildlife management areas where wildlife comes first, not simply wilderness.

There is no single correct answer to CGNF planning, but the hard work of the Gallatin Forest Partnership, coupled with that of the CGNF staff, comes closest to being mindful and respectful of the many uses which the NF must seek to serve.