

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 6/4/2019 8:55:26 PM

First name: Allen

Last name: Olinger

Organization:

Title:

Comments: I am not a scientist nor do I claim to have sufficient knowledge of the entire forest and all the variables that go into a sound decision. I do recognize that the forest belongs to all citizens and the plan must accommodate a wide variety uses. I commend the Forest Service for the good job they have done laying out the alternatives.

However, when I look at all the competing interests, I believe that the Forest Service must put the interests of wildlife ahead of human recreation. Wilderness and wildlife are irreplaceable and they must be preserved for future generations. Game corridors that animals use outside YNP should be maintained as pure wilderness. Motorized or mechanized should not be allowed in these areas. Wildlife should be protected from disease from domestic livestock, which to me means banning livestock from wilderness areas. Airplane landing strips should not be allowed in any wilderness areas. YNP, wildlife and wilderness are treasures of this country and should not be compromised for commercial gain or recreation.

I believe the staff of the Forest Service has experts that fully understand what is required to maintain wildlife and wilderness and can make a fair allocation of land with that as their priority.

Therefore I recommend Alternative D or some modification thereto. Please keep the preservation of wildness and wildlife as your guide star in making the difficult decisions about land use allocation. Thank you