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My wife and I have biked, hiked, backpacked, skied and rafted many miles of the Custer/ Gallatin National Forest for the last 41 years. The most impact we have seen is the wild life removing itself further to the back country. That is except for the destruction caused by 4 wheelers and motor bikes.

We have seen the greatest impact near high population centers, where Mountain Bikes have back country access. It appears to be caused by too many people having quick access to the wilderness via bikes. Years ago we enjoyed this access ourselves, but have quit due to the large numbers of people deep in the woods. The mountain bikers do not understand their impact on the quiet of the back country. Nor their impact on wild life. One friend who spends a lot of time on one of the trails South of Bozeman, biked right into a Female moose who has hung out in this area for years. Luckily he was not hurt. Hopefully the Moose wasn't either. We have seen large guided bike tours arrive at trail heads with 12 to 20 riders hitting the mountain trails at once. Not Good.

This study and it's options comes a a good time. More folks are moving here for outdoor opportunities, and to escape climate change. That will only continue. For these reasons We support option D and Option C where D is not available