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Comments: I would like to see as much of the areas around Bozeman, Livingston and the surrounding forest areas protected as much as possible like the Alternative D proposes. I feel water quality/availability is going to become a huge issue in the future and I would like to see the watersheds around Bozeman (ie: Hyalite, Bzn. & Lyman Creek) and Red Lodge's West Fork Rock Creek protected as Wilderness. I feel these areas, especially Bozeman's growing population, are seeing an increase in usage of trails by a variety of people, bikes, horses, ATV's etc. Any way we can designate these special areas around Bozeman, Livingston, the Crazy Mountains, the Madisons, Red Lodge and areas surrounding Yellowstone Park as Wilderness (as in Alt. D) would be beneficial to wildlife movement, saving wear and tear on all these places that we love from over-usage. There are plenty of places to bike or snow machine in this state. I also think that Alt. D would provide greater opportunities for species like the Grizzly Bear to survive, travel and thrive. (Also the Wolverine! who's territories are vast. When these areas are connected and protected I believe it gives these animals a chance for greater habitat which makes for a healthier environment.

I feel like this opportunity to save and protect as much of these forests as we can should be done. We can't get wilderness back after the fact. Thank you for all your work on this draft plan and for the opportunity to comment on it.