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Comments: I'm asking the Forest Service to choose Alternative-D. It provides the most protection of critical core habitat, roadless areas, and also creates 230,000 acres of new wilderness. This plan provides the most amount of new wilderness and habitat protections for the grizzly bear.

Along with protecting the habitat, we need to focus on connectivity and safe passage of the Grizzlies between these isolated pieces of national forest. By protecting the Gallatin National Forest, it will provide the secure habitat to connect Yellowstone National Park grizzlies with Glacier National Park grizzlies. Not to mention the importance of grizzly bear core habitat, roadless areas, wilderness, and connectivity. The Custer Gallatin National Forest must manage for the Endangered Species Act and the grizzly bear by protecting and restoring as much habitat as possible.

Thank you, BJ Nichols