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Comments: In the Gallatin I strongly urge you to make the Cabin Creek drainage roadless and STOP the abuse by motor bikes. It has created major erosion damage on trails and mainly causes elk to avoid the area. I used to bowhunt there in the late 80 and early 90s and elk were plentiful and motor bikes and ATVs were seldom seen. Now this area is overrun with ATVs and motorbikes to the point that I no longer hunt there. It is a fact that motor vehicle use had increased greatly since the 80s and 90s but the Gallatin NF has done nothing to abate this tremendous increase. Please address this issue more stringently.

I want you to know that I agree with protecting the Crazy Mountains to preserve their wilderness values. Even though I am 70 yrs. old I still want roadless areas where I can hike, fish and hunt.

Thus, I agree with protecting the roadless areas in the Pryor Mts. as recommended wilderness (Losts Water, Big Pryor, Punch Bowl and Bear Canyon.)

Please maintain the current boundaries of the recommended wilderness in the Lionhead.

Please protect the roadless areas surrounding the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness as recommended wilderness (Line Crk. Plateau, Red Lodge Creek-Hellroaring Plateau, North Fork, Strawberry Creek, Chico Perak, Emigrant Peak and Dome Mountain.)

For sure I support managing the Tongue River Breaks, King Mt. and Cook Mt. in the Ashland district as non-motorized hiking and riding areas, and expressly prohibiting mountain bikes since the area is not suitable for this kinds of use.

Last, please manage all recommended wilderness just like designated wilderness, allowing foot and horse travel only and no mechanized or motor use of any kinds.

Thank you for allowing me to comment on the forest plan. Saving wild areas is very important. Because once you let recreationists (like ATV users, or put in roads for those to drive vehicles) it becomes almost impossible to revert back to wild areas. Someone once said that, "Once you give the public some additional leeway then you will play hell ever taking it away from them again!"