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Comments: We recommend that the Forest Service adopt the Gallatin Forest Partnership agreement, which asks for 102,000 contiguous acres between YNP and Hyalite Peak. This area is a popular one, especially with locals as it is relatively easy to access from Bozeman and the surrounding communities. The Gallatin Range supports a variety of wildlife and is an essential source of clean water for nearby residents.

It is of the utmost importance to confirm protections for the area so that it does not lose wilderness qualities, compromise wildlife, or water. The Gallatin Forest Partnership considers this growth and plans to prepare for these population changes, which is why we highly encourage the Forest Service to adopt the partnership plans.

We also recommend the Forest Service protect the Crazy Mountains by allowing no new expansion of motorized or mechanized trails. We encourage the Forest Service to work with the Crow Nation to protect treaty rights and cultural practices in this area. There cannot be effective work to address issues of public access and protection without tribal representation.

Public access to the Crazy Mountains should also be maintained so that everyone may access this public land.

We urge protection of roadless areas in the Pryor Mountains.

We advocate for further protecting the Absaroka-Beartooth area. There are a few places that have been recommended as Wilderness such as Line Creek Plateau, Red Lodge Creek-Hellroaring Plateau, North Fork, Chico Peak, Emigrant Peak, and so on as outlined in the Alternative D recommendations.

We love the Absaroka-Beartooths and surrounding areas with beautiful landscapes, numerous lakes, and wildlife. We would encourage the Forest Service to adopt the Alternative D recommendations so that the areas mentioned are not compromised.

Please manage recommended Wilderness just like designated Wilderness, allowing only foot and horse travel in recommended Wilderness and not allowing any mechanized or motorized use

Respectfully,