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Comments: I am in support of Alternative D. By protecting the habitat and focusing on connectivity with safe passage of grizzlies between the isolated pieces of national forest in the Gallatin National Forest, this will provide a secure habitat to connect Yellowstone National Park grizzlies with Glacier National Park grizzlies. The Absaroka & Beartooth and Gallatin, the Bangtail & Bridgers and the Crazy Mountains are vital core habitat for the grizzly bear. It is crucial that the bears have secure wild habitat to roam without mountain bikers and off-road vehicles.

I have spent many years hiking, camping and enjoying Glacier National Park. The grizzlies are a big draw and a reason I continue to return. I lived near Glacier and owned property not far from Bozeman. I have hiked many miles in Montana and the thrill and excitement of seeing grizzlies is unmatched. Please help protect them and give them more room to roam with a safer passage away from humans.