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Comments: After reviewing the alternative plans for Custer Gallatin Forest Plans, I support Alternative D. The following are the key rationale to me:

- -D is the alternative that best addresses the global climate change crisis. It preserves, by far, the most natural wilderness acres...nearly 5 times as much as the next closest alternative. These natural forests serve as natural carbon sinks that, if disturbed, release carbon into the atmosphere...contributing to global warming.
- -These forests also help to regulate waterflows and help to main biodiversity.
- -With the very high population growth in SW MT, it is important that we maintain some of the very reasons that people move to MT...our natural beauty and resources...alternative D does that best.
- -Alt. D supports bison populations by allowing more proactive support and access to year-round forage.
- -Alt. D also restricts use of motorized vehicles in the wilderness areas...and those of us who enjoy hiking do not typically like to hear the loud sounds of motorized vehicles which frighten away the wild animals that we all enjoy viewing.

Please support Alt. D as you move forward with this plan.