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Comments: To Whom It May Concern:

Thank you for consideration of my comments. I was born and raised in Montana and have a deep care, concern and love for it that drives me to want to protect it for its uniqueness. I pursued a career in civil engineering so I would never have to leave this incredibly special place. If I had been commenting a few years ago, I may have responded differently with a more balanced approach, knowing how important it is to balance human needs with ecological protection. But after watching the explosive growth in this area, incredible flux of people moving in and widespread increased pressure in the backcountry, trailheads, public lands, current and future impacts from climate change and then reading the May 2019 UN report on species extinction, I feel compelled to respond to the Custer Draft Forest Plan in a way that provides the utmost protection for future generations, not only human generations but wildlife and plant species generations. I strongly believe that a Wilderness Designation (Alternative D) should be selected for all areas within the plan. The CGNF is critical wildlife habitat for the Yellowstone to Yukon region, and after watching this habitat dwindle, we now have an opportunity to protect it and feel we must in order to protect the wildlife and plant species that rely on it.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Wendy Weaver