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Custer-Gallatin National Forest Plan Revision

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RE: Adopt Alternative D and list American bison as a species of conservation concern

Dear Forest Plan Revision Team

I support Forest Supervisor Mary C. Erickson adopting Alternative D, the environmentally preferred alternative in the Custer Gallatin National Forest plan.

I also support Regional Forester Leanne M. Marten listing American bison as a species of conservation concern in Region 1.

Please strengthen Alternative D by adopting the following standards and desired conditions:

* Including recent years of increasingly urgent climate science, the best available scientific information supports strengthening and adopting alternative D with enforceable standards for American bison, bighorn sheep, and threatened grizzly bears.

* Habitat connectivity has been an increasingly recognized necessity across a wide range of terrestrial species -- even for aquatic species. Restoring habitat connectivity for aquatic and terrestrial species including the grizzly bear and the American bison should be a forest-wide standard.

* To help assure the viability and diversity of native bighorn sheep and grizzly bear populations alike, the Custer Gallatin needs to adopt a standard to not permit domestic sheep grazing in bighorn sheep and grizzly bear range.

Relying on the best available scientific information, please select Alternative D and adopt strong standards for American bison, bighorn sheep, threatened grizzly bears, wilderness, linkage corridors, habitat connectivity, and water.

Sincerely,

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