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Comments: Hello,

I am writing to express my support of recommended Wilderness for the Gallatin Crest. I would like to vocalize my support of the new Revised Forest Plan proposed in 2018, to maintain protection of certain Wilderness areas and establish framework for management of these areas.

As a Bozeman resident, a Montana resident of 16 years, an outdoor educator, guide and recreator, I have personal reasons to vocalize my support for this protection of Wilderness.

Areas such as the Madison and Gallatin Mountain Ranges have served as outdoor class rooms for the Montana State Outdoor Program, where I have worked for several years as an instructor/educator. Allowing Montana State students the privilege of learning on the Yellowstone River, the Gallatin River, in Hyalite Canyon and on the Ice Flows of drainage's throughout the Gallatins is core to this community.

I can testify to personal benefit of exploring these Wilderness areas, having grown mentally and physically from summiting Crazy Peak in the Crazy Mountain Range, kayaking the Mad Mile of the Gallatin River and showing my family the absolute beauty of the Yellowstone River in Paradise Valley in September. I've been blown away by the stunning beauty of yellowing quaking aspens at the base of the Absaroka-Beartooths, the snowy peaks of the Gallatin Range, the flowing waters of the tributaries found within countless of these Ranges, and the impressive gneiss rocks all throughout the Hyalite Drainage. More over, I stand in support also of the peoples who represent the wilderness areas I am referencing.

As a student at Montana State, an outdoor educator, a volunteer with GC SAR, a river guide, a Bozeman local, and a community member, I support the revision plan for CG National Forest.