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Comments: Dear U.S. Forest Service,

Thank you for your hard work and dedication to the Custer Gallatin Forest Plan revision.

I support the Gallatin Forest Partnership. I experience the Custer Gallatin Forest through backcountry skiing, mountain biking, climbing and hiking. I am a current or past employee of Winter Wildlands Alliance, Southwest Montana Mountain Bike Association; and I actively volunteer with Montana Wilderness Association as a Wilderness Steward. The Gallatin Forest Partnership is an agreement that proactively supports existing recreational uses, protects our drinking water, and provides space for wildlife.

I support human powered recreational access to the Custer Gallatin National Forest because it fosters connection and ownership. I grew up in the Targhee National Forest (ranching, dogsledding, and fishing), and I hope that people moving to the Greater Yellowstone ecosystem have the opportunity to connect and appreciate this place. I hope that trails close to Bozeman remain open to mountain bike access, these places include Hyalite Canyon, Sypes, Middle Cottonwood, and South Cottonwood.

Thank you for your time and dedication to this revision process.

Sincerely,

Keili Bell