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Dear Custer Gallatin Forest Plan Revision Team

The Custer Gallatin supports an incredible variety of iconic wildlife species and is key to wildlife movement throughout the landscape. The new forest plan must secure protections outside the grizzly bear recovery zone to facilitate grizzly connectivity to other ecosystems, and support a year-round self-sustaining bison population within tolerance areas. West Pine and Porcupine Buffalo Horn backcountry areas also need wildlife protections mirroring the Cabin Creek Wildlife Management Area, and recreation impacts to wildlife should be monitored.

In Addition[hellip]

* We in Montana have several developed and developing recreation areas. We are a growing population - Unfortunately we will need to manage our existing trail areas and system for more use. We'll need to keep and protect wilderness areas for our wild animals habitats if we wish for them to co-exist.

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The Absaroka Beartooth as well as the Madison, Henry's Lake and Gallatin Geographic areas are some of the most environmentally valuable places in the Forest. The new forest plan must protect them from growing recreational and climate impacts. Please cement our recreational footprint in place through the Gallatin Forest Partnerships recommendations, including ~ 130,00 acres of new wilderness. In addition, protect existing wilderness and recreational hubs by extensively monitoring and managing the growing impacts of recreation and climate change.

In addition [hellip]

I have been a resident of Montana for 30 years. I have a compromised ankle and not able to recreate as other in the wilderness, hiking, biking, sharing, etc. I believe that we need to preserve and protect the wilderness for freedom of habitat and restrict development. Even though I may not be able to go off the beaten track as others - it is important to protect and leave open space - not develop every path of open space creating zoos for wildlife in the future. We co-exist