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Comments: I was ecstatic about landing an academic job in Montana and moving here in 1990, as this indeed seemed like "The Last Best Place." What made it so special was its undisturbed, wild places. We have enjoyed seeing and exploring many of these unspoiled lands over the past 29 years, and we sincerely hope they remain unspoiled for future generations to experience. Please protect the wilderness character of as much of the Custer Gallatin National Forest as you can, as these priceless islands of the natural world are relentlessly being diminished and degraded by expanding human populations. Once they are gone, they are gone forever. Wilderness designation is the best way to preserve these treasures that belong to all of us; these lands must be managed as wilderness now to insure that they and their wildlife inhabitants will not be forever lost.