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Comments: So the Custer and Gallatin forests have now been combined like others in the region. Hopefully we don't have a Trump appointee calling the shots!

We are fortunate in this area to have wild spaces to visit and enjoy solitude as well as the occasional glimpse of some wild residents of such places. I hope that is still the case after the plan is updated. Please keep motorized vehicles out of areas that are roadless such as the Gallatin crest and Crazy Mountains. There are many other areas that deserve protection as well and I have been in many of them. I would like to see all areas that are roadless protected as wilderness if possible. I also believe that motorized vehicles should be kept off the CDT and the divide utilized as a migration corridor for wildlife. All roadless areas that touch existing wilderness should be added to such areas. The people of this nation crave such places to remind them that they still exist and in most parts of the US they don't, at least in a size large enough to matter. The Custer Gallatin manages a large part of the Greater Yellowstone ecosystem, one of the largest and most important wildlife reserves in our country. Don't give it up for development!

If you have any reservations or doubts about any areas deserving of protection the good people at the Montana Wilderness Assoc. would almost certainly be happy to help you make the right decision and I would also support their decision. Thank you for listening.