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Comments: To whom this may concern,

I would like to voice my full support for adding and or protecting wilderness and defacto wilderness (roadless areas). As a wilderness guide, mule packer, and enthusiast of Montana. I have spent hundreds of days working and playing in our cherished wilderness areas from the Bob, to the Lee Metcalf, to the Beartooth. Every-time I return to this wild country (especially with customers) I am reminded of how lucky we are to still have places like this... but it also reminds me, that wild places are not increasing... population is. We must preserve all wild places that we can before they are encroached upon, for the health of the wildlife populations and the psyche of our growing population. This is especially relevant for these particular areas. Bozeman is one of the fastest growing cities in the US. The Greater Yellowstone, in general, is seeing an explosion of population, subdivision, and sprawl. While defacto wilderness may have been adequate in the past, it will not be sufficient in the populated future. We need more quite space, and more room for wildlife to roam.

The Crazy mountains deserve to be protected and managed with its true people, the crow. They are a staggering range that provide some of the most dramatic scenery in the rockies

The lionhead already is verifiably wild and is a crucial corridor for elk and grizzlies from YNP. It should be Wilderness.

The recomendations for Wlldenress in the absaroka beartooth should also be designated. Time spent, skiing, hiking, and horseback riding in this range and on these specific mountains has proven there importance to me.

Most importantly, The Gallatin should recieve the maximum designation of wilderness. I am a biker, I own a four-wheeler. Both are fun and have there place. Yet there are plenty of areas in the National forest service system where these activies are relevant. The Gallatin is the last major chunk of wildland that deserves but does not hold wilderness designation. It comes out of the beating heart of the park and due to it's proximity to bozeman needs to be managed in the most conservative way.