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Comments: Protect habitat and list American bison as a species of conservation concern.

Dear Supervisor Erickson,

I object to your decision for failing to include habitat standards for American bison in the Custer Gallatin land management plan.

I also object to Region One Regional Forester Leanne M. Marten's decision for not designating American bison a species of conservation concern on our National Forests in the Northern region.

Buffalo and their habitat are an American heritage and treasure to be preserved for generations to come. If we fail to act accordingly, we haven't learned from the grave mistakes that were made in the past. Errors made today, without much wisdom, concern or thought, will eventually have to be corrected in the future, but at great expense to the American taxpayer. Better to learn from past mistakes now, than to repeat them and have to pay a greater price in the future. Please, don't let that happen. I encourage you to make the right decision, not just today, but for generations to come by protecting habitat and listing American bison as a species of conservation concern.

Please include habitat standards in the Custer Gallatin land management plan for American bison to freely roam our National Forests in the Yellowstone ecosystem.

Please designate American bison a species of conservation concern to ensure a viable future for the migratory giants on our National Forests.

The distinct and unique American bison herds remaining in the wild deserve standards and legal designations securing their presence on our National Forests for future generations.

Thank you for your time and consideration,

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Sincerely,  
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