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

Dear Supervisor Erickson,

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

I also strongly 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.

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.

The bison have waited too many years for the protection they deserve. They need to be able to migrate as they have for decades. They need protection from slaughter. This is a unique, one of a kind herd and they MUST be protected!

Sincerely,

Cheryl Caldwell