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

Dear Supervisor Erickson,

As usual, our bison are left out of your Custer Gallatin Land management plan which will continue MT's war on our national mammal to keep the ranching industry happy. The bison have every right to be able to use the forest and not have to worry about being slaughtered just for daring to step outside of Yellowstone Park. The Central herd is now being decimated by hunting and slaughter so they are especially in need of being given access to the Gallatin forest. I am so tired of the ranching industry dictating MT's anti-bison agenda. There is no brucellosis, as you well know. That is just a smokescreen which the state stands behind to slaughter the bison. There is plenty of room for livestock and the bison if the ranching industry would stop being so greedy. Your job is to protect the forest and the animals who live there, so why do you continue to help the ranchers annihilate our national mammal?

The buffalo need you on their side if they are to survive and thrive. Therefore, I don't agree with your Custer-Gallatin National Forest management plan because it fails to include habitat standards for the buffalo.

I also don't agree with Region One Regional Forester Leanne M. Marten's decision to not designate American bison a species of conservation concern on our National Forests in the Northern region.

I urge you to do right by our beloved buffalo and include habitat standards in the Custer Gallatin land management plan so they can 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.

Sincerely,

Gayle Janzen