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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. This is totally egregious. There must be respect for other species, especially of one as the wild bison. Humans are not the only species on the planet. As humans we tend to think of ourselves as a higher species when in fact we take care of nothing on this planet, and have little regard for other life when in fact we are animals too. We must evolve and take care of our brothers and sisters of other species on this planet.

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.

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.

Sincerely,

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