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

Dear Supervisor Erickson,

I strenuously 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. Bison are a national, iconic, KEYSTONE SPECIES essential to the health of the range of ecosystems they inhabit and cross..

It is essential that you include habitat standards in the Custer Gallatin land management plan for American bison to freely roam our National Forests in the Yellowstone ecosystem.

Designating American bison a species of conservation concern is the only way 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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