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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.

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

A majority of Americans support protection for bison. I would love to know my grandchildren will someday experience the same thrill I have experienced in seeing these native animals in their wild and historic places. Bison have been threatened by human activity, now including climate change. Please support protecting bison as a species of conservation concern and include habitat standards for American bison in the Custer Gallatin land management plan.

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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