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

Dear Supervisor Erickson,

It is not only thoughtless and unscientific to not provide full freedom for American bison on our National Forest lands surrounding Yellowstone Nat. Park - it is also illegal. There are 7 MILLION acres of National Forests surrounding Yellowstone Nat. Park, much of it crucial bison habit that must be given back to the bison. The bison is a keystone species that must also be granted the designation of Species of Conservation Concern.

I object to your decision for failing to include habitat standards for America 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.

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,

Ed Loosli