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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 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.

I find your decision to ignore the American bison as a species of conservation concern unacceptable. How is it possible that the one original Bison herd still surviving in our nation is not a species of conservation concern? Public lands belong to the people and people from every state have demanded the conservation concern designation. Look at the hundreds and hundreds of Americans who want the bison protected. Why are you ignoring the grassroots organizing of American citizens across the nation? The bison is a grand American wild animal. We are proud of our wild life and wild lands. Do your job. Designate the American Bison as a the unique and wonderful species of conservation concern that it is.

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, D Cooke 1049 Hillview Dr Ashland, OR 97520