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

Dear Supervisor Erickson,

My father lived in Hot Springs, SD until his death in 2011. I will never forget our trip north where I got to experience the magnificent bison animals along the way to Mt. Rushmore. It was a very special experience to see these creatures roaming and grazing along the highway.

This local wildlife must be conserved and protected! I STRONGLY object to Forest Supervisor Mary C. Erickson's decision for failing to include habitat standards for America bison in the Custer Gallatin land management plan. I vehemently 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.

It is time that wildlife like these bison are stewarded and protected. It is nothing short of selfish and self interested to remove protections for them! They are part of our American living history and a special animal to Native Americans and local South Dakotans.

Sincerely,
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