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

Dear Supervisor Erickson,

The buffalo is more iconic to the Americas than the US flag. The flag keeps changing (there's talk of the Marianas Islands or Washington, DC becoming the 51st state), but the buffalo has been with us for thousands and thousands of years. It's as much a part of North America as Yellowstone or Mt. Rushmore.

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.

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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