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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.

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.

Animal impact is critical for carbon sequestration in soil. Bison and cattle can both do this harmoniously. Bison are the originators that created the soil of the United States. Desertification has been the ongoing result of their removal.

Please keep an holistic view of Bison's role in ecology and soil building. They must be protected. And spread further.

Thank you for your consideration.

Mark Stamas

Cascadel Ranch Fire Safe Council

Sincerely,

Mark Stamas