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Comments: This plan is deficient in two major areas and needs to be rectified (strengthened):

The 2020 Plan includes that the entire Hyalite watershed in a Recreation Emphasis Area, but not either South Cottonwood or Bozeman Creek. This is markedly different from what the GFP Agreement envisions for this area. And leaves both S. Cottonwood and the high alpine peaks of Hyalite vulnerable to activities that will undermine the backcountry experience so valued in these areas. You must implement the protections described in Alternative C instead of your proposal and strengthen the protections for Hyalite, S. Cottonwood and Bozeman Creek.

The 2020 Plan completely drops Cowboy Heaven in the Madison Range from its recommended wilderness areas and moves the recommended wilderness boundaries in the Gallatin Range to exclude Hyalite Peak in the north and Sheep Mountain in the south. You must implement the wilderness recommendations in Alternative C which more closely follow the proposals in the GFP agreement, providing important conservation and recreation benefits. All of the recommended wilderness proposed by the GFP should be adopted.