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Comments: The reasons for this objection are: The Porcupine-Buffalo Horn Wilderness Study area is a critical region for biodiversity within the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem and it should remain a landscape that is protected from bicycles, motorized vehicles, and other development. The proposed forest plan designates a large portion of this area as "Backcountry" but not recommended wilderness. The Backcountry designation is not adequate to protect this biodiversity. Given the rate of development in Bozeman, Big Sky, and Gallatin County, plus the contiguous nature of the land to Yellowstone National Park, it is essential to protect this area. Fragmentation of habitat is one of the largest threats to biodiversity.

Proposed Solution: Designate the entire Porcupine-Buffalo Horn Wilderness Study Area as recommended wilderness.