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Comments: I would like to provide my comments and primary objections to the Final Plan.

In general, I believe that now, more than ever before, we must protect these critical areas from current and expected human use which is only going to increase with growth and people move to Montana.

*I strongly believe that the proposed 79,631-acre Gallatin Crest Wilderness Area and Hyalite Porcupine Buffalo Horn Wilderness Study Area need to have full wilderness designations. This designation is critical to protect and provide clean air and water in this special area, and minimize impacts from humans, which pressure and use is exponentially increasing as growth comes to the area.

*I do not think mechanized use outside of areas where currently allowed will lead to habitat degradation and future user conflict and also impact air, water and wildlife interactions.

*I believe that the CGNF manage the small size of the proposed Crazy Mountain backcountry area, which is a fraction of the current inventoried roadless area in the Crazies in accordance with its current wild state.

*I believe the plans proposed management for grizzly bears falls short of what the species needs for recovery, limiting the area where protections are implemented to the current recovery zone and where else is "socially acceptable." The CGNF will likely serve as the connector between the Greater Yellowstone and the northern continental divide ecosystem bear populations, and needs to take more proactive measures to protect the species.