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Comments: I am writing to voice my objection to the new proposed Custer/Gallatin Forest Plan. I am concerned that the plan has far too little recommended Wilderness and too much land open to motorized and mechanized travel. There are at least 250,000 acres of land suitable for Wilderness designation in the Gallatin Range and only a little under 100,000 is proposed. There is far too much designation as backcountry and recreation emphasis areas, which really has no official meaning and will only bring more recreation development to these areas of critical wildlife habitat. There is too much emphasis on recreation and logging and not nearly enough priority given to habitat preservation for the many species of conservation concern that make their home on the Custer/Gallatin. And given the small bit of Wilderness designation in this plan it needs to include a much longer list of species of concern in the western part of the forest. I urge you to go back to the drawing board and take into consideration just how special this part of the GYE is. Thank you for the opportunity to comment again.