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Comments: Please include both South Cottonwood and Bozeman Creek in the proposed Recreation Emphasis Area. These are incredibly important areas to the city of Bozeman in terms of accessible public land for recreation. It is important that we protect these areas as much as possible to insure that they continue to thrive under increasing pressure from human use as the population of the Gallatin Valley grows.

Also, I am writing to advocate for more wilderness designation than proposed. Over the 23 years I have lived and recreated in this area, ALL of the trails are so much busier than they ever had been. This is good in that people are clearly enjoying using their public lands, but we need to keep in mind that wildlife habitat is also critically important to the quality of life for all of us and for our public lands. Wilderness is a very effective way to provide wildlife habitat and provide quality recreation for people for many decades to come.