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Comments: Protect habitat and list American bison as a species of conservation concern.

Dear Supervisor Erickson,

I object to your decision for failing to include habitat standards for American bison in the Custer Gallatin land management plan.

I also object to Region One Regional Forester Leanne M. Marten's decision for not designating American bison a species of conservation concern on our National Forests in the Northern region.

Please include habitat standards in the Custer Gallatin land management plan for American bison to freely roam our National Forests in the Yellowstone ecosystem.

Please designate American bison a species of conservation concern to ensure a viable future for the migratory giants on our National Forests.

The distinct and unique American bison herds remaining in the wild deserve standards and legal designations securing their presence on our National Forests for future generations.

Yellowstone, and our national parks, are meant to preserve and protect wildlife with integrity, using the best available peer-reviewed science. The influx of politics into management of our wildlife is a crime to our own future and is short sighted with far-reaching repercussions. Most wildlife is dwindling, much of it swiftly going extinct. We have a chance now to protect our majestic native, wild bison.

Wildlife, including our native bison, bring in sustainable incomes and grows our economy.

Managing bison like cattle, and managing elk like wildlife, is an open crime against our laws and against the public who overwhelmingly wish to protect our bison, and most importantly, against a species under threat. It's time to hold the decision makers accountable and force them to do their jobs properly.

Protect habitat and list the American bison as a species of conservation concern so that we don't kill every last one of them, which at present, is the real goal of ranchers. Protect them with all you have. Or there won't be any for our children.

Sincerely,

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