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Comments: We humans are destroying natural landscapes and killing off wild animals at an increasing rate. Our impact on the entire planet is getting bigger as time goes on and we affect virtually every other living thing on this planet. This is not something that can be successfully disputed.

We have a tremendous amount of power to change the world around us, a power that is far greater than it ever has been in the entirety of human history and our power over the natural world is growing. We need to be a lot more careful and thoughtful as to how we are changing the world and if those changes are indeed sustainable. Much of what we as a species are doing today is completely unsustainable. We will not have the luxury of being able to ignore this much longer. We need to start doing something about this situation now before it is too late.

I know that some people say that words like these are idealistic and naive, but nothing could be further from the truth. We ultimately depend on the bounty of nature for everything that we have and if we destroy or alter nature too much than that bounty will diminish if not go away altogether. We need to be smart enough and responsible enough to prevent this from happening.

Any changes to the Custer Gallatin Forest Plan need to be done with sustainability and the natural heritage of future generations in mind. We need to maximize the size of areas that are allowed to exist in their primal state or as close to their primal state as possible. We need to limit the use of devices such as engines that are powered by fossil fuels as much as we can. This is to reduce noise pollution as much as anything else. We need to work to expand the areas that can be considered unspoiled habitat. We need to allow the forests to get deeper and more wild, not the other way around.

So much land is under encroachment by human activity now that we need to preserve what we can while we can and expand on it. There is plenty of room left for us humans.