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Every day, wildlife organizations with their dedicated followers and supporters, fight to keep all species surviving the onslaught of human encroachment. With our forward press on the environment combined with nature's own changes, the Earth's climate is rapidly advancing against every specie on the planet. Knowing we have a responsibility to promote survival, agencies are created to protect our landscapes and waters along with the creatures that inhabit them.

The US Forest Service has an obligation to protect the land and species thru their governance and policies. Research studies and environmental impact statements are critical when determining which areas are to be invaded upon. Also, what benefit at what cost is coming from this decision.

The Hebgen Basin is of vital importance to migratory buffalo for winter ranging and calving in spring. The Central Herd Buffalo is already under constant threats with hunting, hazing, motor vehicles, and the trapping/quarantine/slaughter under the myth of a brucellosis carrier. Now, bulldozing and burning 23 square miles with 50 miles of new roads will have drastic effects on every buffalo wintering and later birthing in the basin area. The trucking of logs thru the area will drive all wildlife in the area to leave or struggle to survive. The end for the many struggling will be a reduced population from either death or lack of food needed for healthy survival and reproduction. The animals that leave are forced into unfamiliar areas that often have an unwelcoming human presence. The result is always a loss to wildlife.

Let wildlife biologists evaluate the Hebgen Basin and South Plateau and come up with an EIS that will allow the buffalo and other wildlife to stay in the area without threats from human intervention and destruction.

Sincerely,

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