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Comments: I am writing to oppose the South Plateau Landscape Area Treatment Project (SPLAT) project. The preface to the comment instruction states that "The Forest Service values public participation." Please then, value comments from citizens that are trying to protect The Yellowstone environment and the wildlife within. The Hebgen Basin supports hundreds of roaming buffalo. Building miles of roads, bulldozing and burning, i.e. destroying, 23 square miles of habitat for bison, grizzlies, and lynxes does not make sense. How can you put so many threatened species at more risk for population drops?

How is it logical to say that this intensive logging and road building results in no adverse environmental impacts? Much of the Forest Service Wildlife Report details potential effects on grizzly bears. What about the effects on the buffalo? Another project in the Custer Gallatin levels nearly 9 square miles of natural terrain, and defaces the buffalo's winter range and spring calving grounds with miles of roads.

Death by a thousand cuts.