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Comments: An Environmental Impact Statement is required to describe the significant ecological impacts expected from the Custer Gallatin's logging and road building projects. Wildlife biologists need to evaluate how logging, building roads, and prescribing fire near highways in Hebgen Basin effects migratory buffalo.

The Custer Gallatin's analysis - logging nearly 32 square miles of habitat and building 71 miles of road on the South Plateau and North Hebgen somehow helps wildlife species -is faulty.

* The Custer Gallatin needs to conduct an Environmental Impact Statement of logging and road building underway and planned in Hebgen Basin, including the South Plateau and North Hebgen.

* Cumulatively logging over 20,000 acres of habitat and building 71 miles of roads is a major action and significant long-term harm to wildlife, soils, and water quality.

* More roads should be removed - not built - to provide secure habitat for grizzly bear, moose, and elk, and reduce sediment running into creeks and rivers in Hebgen Basin. Resiliency, the oft-repeated purpose of SPLAT, also means the ability of wildlife species to withstand systematic pressures, random perturbations, and harmful events. The size, degree, and duration of the Custer Gallatin's logging and road building projects impair the resiliency for wildlife and the ecosystem.

Custer Gallatin, please withdraw the SPLAT.