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Comments: I am very concerned about the size of the south plateau project so close to Yellowstone National Park. The clearcuts and the miles of road will destroy Grizzly Bear habitat that is a buffer for YNP. In addition to Grizzly Bears that are still protected under the ESA, black bears,lynx ,elk ,bighorn sheep pronghorns and wolves will also be dramatically harmed. Last season 20 percent of the YNP wolf population was killed along the Montana border. One of the places that excessive wolf harvest did not take place was this region because of the intact forrest. Once miles of roads have been established hunting,trapping and poaching will follow . After last years YNP wolf debacle do not contribute to the killing of more Yellowstone wolves. Destroying this forrest will put grizzly bears and wolves at great risk of illegal poaching. Do not permit the South Plateau Project ! Thank you.