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Comments: I studied botany and then forestry, and served 36 years as a national park ranger, interpreting natural history, including 17 years at Yellowstone. I have continued to read the latest science on forest ecology, wildfire, and climate change. That science tells me that the most valuable service the Custer Gallatin Forest can provide is as a carbon sink. Optimum carbon sequestering is preformed by intact mature forests. Logging produces huge volumes of carbon pollution.

As an ecologist and an informed citizen I demand that you withdraw the project as proposed, and prepare an EIS to properly evaluate the consequences of logging the forest..

Alternatives must include allowing natural processes to continue in this part of the greater Yellowstone Ecosystem. Nowhere else in the world is as nearly intact as the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, with its grizzly bears, wolves, moose, elk, wolverine and pine marten. Biodiversity must be given priority in any plan for a modern forest. Finally, no new roads must be allowed in this part of the forest.

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