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Comments: USFS has a legal duty to serve the interest of the public. I believe the Forest Service as it goes forward with the planning of *ECID Proposed LEX include all forms of sustainable/conservational provisions as well as recreational use by the public. My input comes from and represents additional users who have been or may have been users of the area in the past. There are day users who would like to be considered in future management of the lands under consideration. We are people who value keeping the natural environment for our native wildlife including bird life of all kinds including the migratory species that use our mountains, valleys, prairies, wetlands and river corridors as their habitat. Which means not only having habitat that favors the quiet, sustainable locations where birds are known to abide, but include buffer zones located near-by which protect those locations. We deem that an assessment by FS should have consideration of this important low impact usage. Citizen scientist individuals and groups, not necessarily limited to Audubon research, are viable users as important as any other public use that the FS now lists. Please encompass the above use/users during the land swaps via *ECID Proposed LEX under consideration. Any updates to the Crazy MT/Divide should include this highly important conservation/recreation consideration. Could call it
Refuge and Conservation areas within context of (low impact usage)

Don't let the preferential (e.g. noise level) of motorized use, impactful, heavy mechanized vehicles of recreational over shadow the low impact, sustainable usage enjoyed by our local and visitor populations. How about keeping Big Timber Creek a study area. re: species of native trout that are known to inhabit Big Timber Creek and its tributaries. Sounds like fish and birds might share in common this kind of study area.

Thank you for addressing my comments above. Dated, December 16, 2022.