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Comments: Thanks for the opportunity to comment on this critical plan.

I support Alternative A, No Action. The other alternatives do not address the important issues in an appropriate way.

I am concerned that what is proposed in the preferred alternative overpromises and will underdeliver in public benefits to the average forest user.

Legal efforts currently underway to get the Sweet Grass creek access open again as it should be must be allowed to play out, this proposal threatens that. Nothing should be done before that process is completed.

As an avid hiker who has completed several 20+ mile day hikes, I know that few hikers will penetrate further than a few miles on this 22 mile trail. So who will make the best use of it? Outfitters and dude ranches who have access to horses. This is particularly true when as the plan states the first few miles are quite steep. That will effectively eliminate families with younger kids.

Finally, eliminating the sections currently on the National Forest boundary effectively reduces the accessible NF acreage. Once this access is gone, it will never be regained. That would be a permanent loss for the general public.

thanks for the opportunity to comment.