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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

I am writing to urge you to include fungi in the language of the land management plan revision. Fungi are a crucial component of our forests and their health, and specifically recognizing their existence in the plan will go a long way to ensuring that conservation efforts and decisions, as well as use plans, take into account practices that will ensure the long-term viability of our forests themselves.

I'm a huckleberry hunter - like so many other Montanans, my very favorite activity to do with my children in July is to visit public lands and find berries. The more I learn about these fascinating and delicious plants, the more I understand that their health is inextricably tied to the mycorrhizal connections under the soil. No fungi, no forest - we need to include this kingdom in our plans to maintain our ecosystems.

Thank you for considering my comment!