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Comments: To whom it may concern,

My name is Caleb Raney and I have been a member, a Recreator, an observer, and an advocate of the Bridger Teton for 28 years. Bulleted are some things that I believe need to be improved and commented on.

* With increase recreation in most all capacities, I find that more messaging and stronger documentation should be implemented at high use trail heads. This means that the forest must make it clear to all users that to responsibly utilize the landscape, many should understand leave no trace principles, abiding by the 200 foot buffer from all trails and water bodies when backpacking, when one is allowed or not allowed to use motor vehicles off the established trail. There are more examples, but I find that at certain high use trailheads, the masses tend to forget that this is a managed resource with goals, and not a free-for-all landscape solely for their selfish use.

* While I understand the need for cattle grazing allotments on forest, I feel as though the public disproportionately suffers from the extended use of cattle grazing allotments. By this, I refer to the long-term somewhat permanent grazing on Forrest lands until often October or November in alignment with the highest recreational use. I have found during the hottest times of the year cattle disturbing and disrupting the natural flow of streams and crick beds, often resulting in the loss of critical habitat from the suffering, native species like the snake river, cut their trout in which your plan wants to protect, I propose Still allowing cattle grazing allotments, but concentrating their disruptive tendencies in a not so critical area and/or drilling a well solely for the intermittent ability to water cattle. When we allow cattle grazing on lands with a diverse range of ecology and biology occurring, the cattle tend to be so disruptive as to all the native species habitats out of whack. I also find that allowing historical cattle grazing allotments in grizzly, heavy land landscapes is asking for conflict. There has got to be a better way to manage cattle grazing, and the retention of grizzly bear numbers.

* Lastly, this may not be a new issue or consideration, but there are too many non-natives and noxious weeds on the landscape. I'm sure this will be an uphill battle for decades, but there must be a consideration or public notice about noxious weed reduction, and an increase in a method of removal and or depression.

Thank you for taking in my comment.