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Comments: This project is not a shared use of our land. This forest is my respite from the craziness and over tourism of Yellowstone NP. I chose to make my home here and the forest in Jardine is a large reason for that. Biking, hiking, fishing, horseback riding, camping and cross country skiing - the scope of this project is so large I would be prevented from safely recreating in my own back yard. On each outing into these woods, I look forward to wildlife encounters and greeting local residents that are up there for a breath of fresh air, as well.

This forest is where I head to escape the heat, enjoy the flowers and watch wildlife. I've gotten to enjoy incredible migrations of elk through this land. I've encountered grizzly bears, black bears, wolves, coyotes, fox, moose, bobcats and mountain lions. Pygmy owls, great horned owls, bald eagles, golden eagles, hawks, songbirds, magpies and ravens. This project would rob myself and others of the experience of seeing wildlife in their habitat. It's destroying their habitat.

The sound of large scale cutting and the truck traffic that goes with it is not what I live here for. The Jardine road is at best poorly maintained these days. This road bounces our trucks and cars all over it - logging trucks will be a dangerous addition. We have had a large increase in rv'ers, campers in the last 5 or 6 years. This project is not safe for the growing number of people recreating here.

This project just does not belong on the boundary of Yellowstone National Park. It is harmful and destructive to wildlife habitat and presents foreseen dangers to people and pets recreating here.