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Comments: My biggest concern regarding this eminent forest management project lies within the uncertainty of funding per any federal land management activity under or following the second Trump Administration. It is clear in published budget plans as well as through staffing cuts across the board that on-the-ground-support to carry out such intensive practices as those described within this place specific plan may never occur at all, leaving the lands closest to our homes without habitat for our wildlife and open to the inevitable spread of invasive species, runoff, poor water quality, and senseless new roads in addition to a visual and experiential infringement upon visitors to Yellowstone National Park.

Of particular concern to me is the grade at which mechanical treatment will occur. As a former wilderness trails professional, I know very well that even hand-powered projects can have an impact upon water quality and vegetation, both of which are critical to the health of our people and the wildlife which economically sustain so many of us.

It would be a dishonor to all Americans, our public lands, and the community of Gardiner to harvest timber under commercial funding and to leave the rest free of treatment due to the lack of federal funding. Before any further steps are taken, we deserve a clear plan of where funding will come from and when it will be available to fulfill treatments beyond commercial harvest. Based on layoffs, deferred resignations spending tax payer dollars on positions that are not actually providing work, firings, and total agency reorganization, we have no reason to trust that the proposed plan will be followed.

These lands belong to each US citizen. It's time that federal funding serve us all by protecting and managing the health of our incredible natural resource. We need to remember and realign our actions to serve the public trust instead of selling out to commercial bids that will serve their business alone.