

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 8/5/2026 8:24:47 AM

First name: Laura

Last name: Pakaln

Organization:

Title:

Comments: This wilderness area is one of my favorite places to visit and now I hear it is in danger of being commercially logged. I am deeply disturbed by this and hope the Forest Service will weigh the potential risks very carefully:

The Chalk Buttes project proposes commercial logging on approximately 1,643 acres of the Custer Gallatin National Forest, and I oppose approving this harvest without a thorough NEPA review of its ecological impacts. The Sioux Ranger District plans mechanical or hand thinning across approximately 4,354 acres, and I urge the agency to fully analyze how this large-scale disturbance will affect forest health and wildlife habitat.

Prescribed fire treatments are planned on over 3,100 acres, with some areas targeted for more than one treatment type, so the Forest Service must disclose the cumulative effects of overlapping treatments before moving forward.

Now, more than ever before, we need to be caring for our forests. Climate change is wreaking havoc on all of us, and forests are one of the very few things we have left to defend ourselves with.