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Comments:

I support the wilderness recommendations in Alternative D of the Revised Draft Forest Plan; however, they must be improved by adding the entire 230,000 wild, roadless acres of the Gallatin Range as Recommend Wilderness. The plan should prohibit all motorized and mechanized uses, and any other activities not consistent with wilderness protection. It needs direction for administering the Absaroka-Beartooth and Lee Metcalf Wildernesses. The Forest Service should reduce group size limits to 8 horses/mules and 12 people. The plan should end fish stocking in naturally fishless wilderness lakes. The plan must address the issue of human and pack animal feces contamination of lakes and streams on the Beartooth Plateau in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness by eliminating fish stocking and other measures if needed.

Thank you,
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