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Dear Forest Service,

This letter is in reference to management of the Custer Gallatin National Forest. I'm a nurse and I live in Butte. My boyfriend lives in Bozeman. Between the realities of life in these two places, it is important to get out into the quiet, pristine wilderness as often as possible. We go out practically every weekend, be it to run whitewater rivers, hike in the mountains, cross-country ski, and camp, all depending on the time of year and the weather. We love hiking and rafting in the Absorka Beartooths area, the Crazies, the Pryors, the Gallatin range, and many of the areas included in the Custer Gallatin National Forest.

I want to pledge my support for keeping these areas free of mechanized and/or motorized use. We go to the wilderness for peace and quiet. We are 'leave no trace' campers and hikers. We want the wilderness to remain wild, as it is, with NO noisy, messy, stinky, destructive motor vehicles driving through it.

We want the "recommended Wilderness" areas to be managed just like designated Wilderness, allowing foot and horse travel only.

We want this decision to:

1. Protect the Crazy Mountains, in consultation with the Crow.
2. Protect roadless areas in the Pryors in Lost Water, Big Pryor, Punch Bowl and Bear Canyon as recommended Wilderness
3. Maintain Lionhead's recommended Wilderness boundaries
4. Retain recommended Wilderness areas in the Absaroka Beartooths
5. Expand recommended Wilderness areas in the Absaroka Beartooths to include Dome Mtn, Emigrant Peak, Chico Peak, East Rosebud to Stillwater, and Red Lodge Creek
6. Manage the areas of the Tongue River Breaks, King Mtn, and Cook Mtn as recommended Wilderness.

Thank you for listening.

Please do not let our wilderness disappear! It is all we have left.

Best wishes,

Zoe Axhelm