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Comments:

I support the wilderness recommendations in Alternative D of the Revised Draft Forest Plan- but they must be improved by adding the entire 230,000 wild, road less acres of the Gallatin Range as Recommend Wilderness in the final forest plan.

The plan should prohibit all motorized and mechanized uses, and any other activities not consistent with wilderness protection, in the Recommended Wilderness areas to preserve their wilderness qualities until Congress acts on the wilderness recommendations.

No trail construction or reconstruction should be done in the currently trail less areas of the Absaroka Beartooth and Lee Metcalf Wildernesses. This leaves remote areas for wildlife as well as beautiful areas for solitude.

Vacant grazing allotments in the Wildernesses should be closed so these areas can return to a wild condition.

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.

Finally, the Forest Service should reduce human and pack animal group size limits to protect all Wildernesses in the forest from harm. Further, the forest plan should put an end to ecologically destructive fish stocking in naturally fish less wilderness lakes, as this significantly alters the areas' natural conditions.