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Custer Gallatin Forest Plan Revision

Comment on the Draft Plan

Dear Supervisor Erickson and Planning Team,

I would like to see the Forest Service designate more wilderness areas. Montana's state slogan is the "Last Best Place" and it has been one of the last places in the Western US to experience considerable growth and development. We need only to look at states like Colorado, Utah and the West Coast to see how important preserving wilderness is. Simultaneously it's important to create opportunities for outdoor recreation and the beneficial influences it has. Finding ways to share space in disputed areas and compromise between diverse groups and interests. As Bozeman grows it is important to preserve the wildness of areas close to town, while providing access for specific interests in specific areas best suited to those pursuits. Hearing the opinions and interests of the skiing, climbing and hiking groups and preserving areas of non-motorized use is important to me.