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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to submit my comments regarding the Custer Gallatin National Forest plan. The CGNF, particularly the Crazy Mountains, hold personal significance for me and my family. One of the first backpacking trips I made with my dad was into Twin Lakes, and we loved it so much we brought my mom back the next year. The solitude, the views, and the wildflowers were all spectacular, and although it's been over 20 years, we still talk about those trips to this day. With that in mind, I am asking you to protect the Crazy Mountains and their wilderness values and to consult and work with the Crow Tribe closely to do so.

I also support the Gallatin Forest Partnership agreement and the recommendations put forth in that agreement.

In addition to the Crazy Mountains, a number of other areas in the CGNF have outstanding wilderness values that should be recommended for Wilderness: Dome Mountain, Chico Peak, Emigrant Peak, Woodbine, Red Lodge Creek, and East Rosebud to Stillwater. Current recommended Wilderness should be retained, including the current boundaries in the Lionhead. The Tongue River Breaks, King Mountain, and Cook Mountain in the Ashland district should be managed as recommended Wilderness, and the roadless areas of Lost Water, Big Pryor, Punch Bowl, and Bear Canyon in the Pryor Mountains should be protected as recommended Wilderness.

Finally, I request that you manage recommended Wilderness in the same way you would manage designated Wilderness, with the same set of prohibitions on mechanized and motorized use so as to preserve its wild character and its opportunity for eventual inclusion in the Wilderness Preservation System.

Thank you for your consideration.