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Comments:

The Custer Gallatin Forest is a very special place for me. I use it for many types of recreation and personal enjoyment such as hiking, biking, running, camping, backpacking, photography, and relaxation. I strongly support the Gallatin Forest Partnership Agreement, which outlines feasible solutions to keeping our forests healthy and enjoyed by myself and generations to come. There are many current threats to our forests, which is why it is so important to get people into the forests to recreate, which in turn fosters public caring about forest management. This is why I also believe that Wilderness Areas should continue to provide opportunities for bicyclists. Bicyclists help maintain trail, pick up trash, inform Forest Service about trail conditions and obstructions, and promote the beauty and tranquility of our forests to the public. Some people think that bikers disrupt Wilderness for hikers and therefore bikes should be excluded, but this is a false dichotomy - bikers ARE also hikers, trail builders, and stewards of the land. This includes areas such as Lionhead, where bikers (in my experience) comprise the majority of the recreaters. Thank you for the consideration.