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Comments:

I am writing to express my support of strengthening Alternative D by setting strong standards to achieve the "desired condition" of viable, self-sustaining populations of American bison on the National Forest. Protecting

American bison viability and increasing diversity should be a forest wide standard. Freedom for American bison to roam National Forest habitat should be a forest wide standard. Connectivity to habitat for American bison should be a forest wide standard.

The Custer Gallatin should initiate a habitat recovery program and provide funding to recruit scientists and biologists with aboriginal knowledge of American bison and fire.

American bison habitat recovery projects should be forest-funded and done in collaboration with

scientists and biologists from American Indian Tribes with ancestral ties and treaty rights to the

National Forest.

In its' direction for American bison, the Custer Gallatin must rely