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Comments:

I reside in Livingston, MT and typically recreate in Gallatin portion of Custer Gallatin NF two or more times a week. I enjoy a wide spectrum of available recreation opportunities the forest has to offer. Being centrally located in Livingston allows me the opportunity to enjoy CGNF from Red Lodge to the Lionhead area on long trips, and make weekend and weekday trips to the forest trails in the Absaroka-Bearthooths, the Crazy Mountains, Bangtails, Bridger's, and northern Gallatin Ranges among the others.

I primarily backpack, bike, hike, run and ski for recreation and prefer a unique personal backcountry experience when engaging in these activities. I do not typically utilize motorized equipment on forest trails but respect these uses where it is appropriate.

I would like to see continued partnerships with local government, volunteer, non-profit organizations and USFS in coordinating management decisions. To date these types of productive partnerships are demonstrated by the Custer Gallatin Working Group, the Gallatin Forest Partnership and the Absaroka-Bearthooth Wilderness Foundation. I generally support the updated version of Alternative B as the proposed action with the following specific exceptions and comments:

I do not support the designations for the the Gallatin Crest RWA (if released as WSA), the Lionhead RWA, and the Line Creek Plateau RWA. I would suggest the trails, or some portion thereof, in these areas be given consideration as primitive or semi-primitive for mechanized (i.e. bicycle) backcountry trails and the areas designated as such to create a corridor of mechanized travel. A backcountry designation is more appropriate because these areas provide an opportunity for a mechanized (i.e. bicycle) recreation in a primitive/semi-primitive experience that is like no other based on my personal experience on Line Creek Plateau to Mt Maurice Trail. Future decisions to remove mechanized travel from RWA's or a Wilderness Designation would prevent this experience that is only available in few locations in the CGNF and in the region. A suggestion for addressing wildlife concerns could be specific seasonal use dates. Suggestion s for user experience could be time share (by day of week) for trails in these areas and/or recommending directional travel for mechanized users.

I support the wildlife components for bison, big horn sheep and general connectivity in Alternative B to promote and protect the health of the ecosystem.

I support Alternative D with respect to Airfields. I do not support the addition of aircraft landing strips on the CGNF because no information or evaluation was provided on how the establishment of aircraft landing strips on the CGNF impacts the vegetation, wildlife, and other users in the ROS.

Thank you for the consideration of these comments in your Final Decision.