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Dear Sir/Madam,

First, thank you for the opportunity to comment on what I believe is a horrible situation for America's wild bison. My personal opinion is that I do not understand why wild bison are persecuted instead of treasured as our lands ancestors and for the good they do in the forests and plains that are their habitats and migrations. They were almost made extinct once and I believe we, as U.S. Citizens, should be doing all we can to protect them and bring their numbers back in line to what is sustainable.

I completely agree with the best available science weighing in favor of listing American bison as a species of conservation concern because there is "substantial concern about the species' capability to persist over the long term" on the National Forest.

I completely disagree with the abuse and torture these animals go through from hunting and capture/handling, etc. Thus, allocating buffalo habitat to cattle, permitting fencing schemes that impede connectivity to habitat, and setting up government traps are stressors and factors supporting the listing of American bison as a species of conservation concern.

I strongly support Alternative D, by setting strong standards to achieve the "desired condition" of viable, self-sustaining populations of American bison on the National Forest. Our American bison must be listed as a species of conservation concern, removing barriers to migration through states and securing habitat connectivity are of great importance.

Thank you for this opportunity to express my concerns and the importance of listing America's wild bison as a species of conservation concern.