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Comments:

The plan's provisions for administering the Absaroka-Beartooth and Lee Metcalf Wildernesses are not adequate. To reduce the impact of group activities on these areas, both with respect to forest destruction and contamination of waterways by feces, groups should be restricted to no more than eight pack animals and 12 humans. Fish stocking of the lakes and streams should be halted to reduce contamination as well.

Vacant grazing allotments in these areas should be closed so they can return to a wild condition.

There should be no trail construction or reconstruction in the currently trailless areas of the Absaroka Beartooth and Lee Metcalf Wildernesses.

The wilderness recommendations in Alternative D of the Revised Draft Forest Plan should be improved by adding the entire 230,000 wild, roadless acres of the Gallatin Range as Recommended Wilderness in the final forest plan.

Furthermore, the plan should prohibit all motorized and mechanized uses, and any other activities not consistent with wilderness protection, in the Recommended Wilderness areas so as to preserve their wilderness qualities until Congress acts on the wilderness recommendations.