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On behalf of myself and my family, we support the wilderness recommendations in Alternative D of the Revised Draft Forest Plan. It is critically important to include the entire 230,000 wild, roadless acres of the Gallatin Range as Recommend Wilderness in the final forest plan.

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

We urge the Forest Service to improve conditions in this wilderness area by decreasing group size limits both of horses and mules to 8 head, as well as limiting groups of people to 12 in order to best protect all Wildernesses on the forest from harm. Further, we respectfully urge you to formulate a forest plan that puts an end to ecologically destructive fish stocking in naturally fishless wilderness lakes, which significantly alters the areas' natural conditions.

We urge you to create a plan to carefully address the issue of human and pack animal feces contamination of lakes and streams on the Beartooth Plateau in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness. Eliminating fish stocking would likely go a long way toward solving this problem, but additional measures must be included if needed.

Thank you sincerely for your consideration of our comments.