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Forest Plan Revision Team

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Dear Revision Team,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on The Custer Gallatin National Forest's Draft Management Plan. Specifically, I am commenting on the Absaroka Beartooth and Madison, Henrys Lake, and Gallatin geographic areas. These areas provide valuable wildlife habitat, headwater streams, and diverse recreational opportunities within the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

This area represents some of the highest quality natural ecosystems remaining in the lower 48 states. The wildlife, scenic, watershed, and recreation values are exceptional. In this time of ongoing destruction of the natural world, and in the setting of burgeoning populations in the surrounding area, it is imperative that we ensure the continued integrity of this wild country. In general I would support Alternative D, with certain modifications.

I would like to express in particular my support for the 230000 acre Gallatin Citizens' Wilderness Proposal. This proposal represents the most complete and inclusive plan for true protection of this natural ecosystem against the continual small intrusions and actions which eventually lead to a serious degradation of the natural world. The amount of truly wild country shrinks daily; the remaining small parcels need to be protected.

The Gallatin Forest Partnership appears to represent an illegitimate attempt to destroy the most valuable of the remaining roadless areas; it should not be given any special attention.

Thank you

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Respectfully,

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