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Comments:

Dear Supervisor Erickson,

I have had the privilege of nearly 4 decades of both recreating and working within the Madison, Henrys Lake, Gallatin Mountains Geographic Area.

I believe it is critical that this special land within the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem be managed to protect the ecological integrity of the numerous vegetation and wildlife habitats.

To this end, it is apparent that Alternative D is the best choice to provide the best balance and meet the most objectives and desired conditions described in the Draft Plan. Alternative D provides for all summer and winter opportunity spectrum classes while maintaining the most land for the very high scenic integrity objective.

Alternative D is the best choice to provide AND SUSTAIN for future generations the desired conditions for SOILS;WATERSHED, AQUATIC & RIPARIAN ECOSYSTEMS;WATERSHED CONDITIONS;RIPARIAN MANAGEMENT ZONES; CONSERVATION WATERSHED NETWORK;TERRESTRIAL VEGETATION, FORESTED VEGETATION;AT-RISK PLANT SPECIES;GRASSLAND,SHRUBLAND,WOODLAND & ALPINE VEGETATION;FIRES & FUELS;CARBON SEQUESTRATION; INVASIVE SPECIES; and of course interconnected with all of the above, WILDLIFE.

An unbiased study by your staff scientists will no doubt show that the other Alternatives (B, C, E) would compromise and/or inhibit the desired conditions, goals and objectives for the above ecological categories. The ONLY reason to choose such a compromise would be to provide a selfish balance for human multiple recreational and extractive uses.

IF you decide to choose an ALternative other than D for this Geographic Area, I urge you to honestly and fully state ALL of the ecological compromises that justify such a decision.

Sincerely,

Don Jackson