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Comments:

We support the wilderness recommendations in Alternative D of the Revised Draft Forest Plan; except that we want the the entire 230,000 wild, roadless acres of the Gallatin Range as wilderness in the final forest plan.

Three points additional things also should be implemented in order to keep the Gallatin Range wild.

All motorized and mechanized uses should be prohibited., All other activities not consistent with wilderness protection should also be prohibited so that the wilderness qualities of the range are kept for future generations.

The plan needs to address the administration of the Absaroka-Beartooth and Lee Metcalf Wildernesses. The current plans allows large groups of up to 25 head of stock (horses and mules) and 15 people in most areas.

This is not consistent with preservation of wilderness.

The Forest Service needs to limit or eliminate this group access.

In addition, the forest plan should end the stocking of fish in naturally fishless wilderness lakes. Stocking of fish where they have never been before is disrupts the natural order of things

. The problems associated with human and pack animal fecal contamination of lakes and streams on the Beartooth Plateau in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness needs to be dealt with. Obviously, if there are no fish to be caught there will be less likelihood of large incursions of people and horses nonetheless additional measures may be needed.