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Comments:

We support Alternative D wilderness recommendations in the Revised Draft Forest Plan including adding the entire 230,000 wild, roadless acres of the Gallatin Range as Recommended Wilderness in the final forest plan.

The plan should prohibit all motorized and mechanized uses, and any other activities inconsistent with wilderness protection, in the Recommended Wilderness areas--preserve their wilderness qualities until Congress acts on the wilderness recommendations.

Include direction for administering the Absaroka-Beartooth and Lee Metcalf Wildernesses. Prohibit destructively large groups of up to 25 head of stock (horses and mules) and 15 people in most areas to significantly reduce impacts that increase from group-sizes exceeding 8 head of stock and 12 people--reduce these group size limits accordingly. The Forest Service's fiduciary responsibility includes protecting ALL Wildernesses on the forest from harm. The forest plan must end ecologically destructive fish stocking in naturally fishless wilderness lakes, which significantly alters the areas' natural conditions.

The plan must address the issue of human and pack animal feces contamination of lakes and streams on the Beartooth Plateau in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness by whatever means are necessary.