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Comments:

I encourage the Forest Service to adopt Alternatives C or D. The Custer Gallatin National Forest and greater Yellowstone ecosystem is under increasing threat from expanding population and development. Many areas of the forest are already overutilized which is causing the degradation of air and water quality and wildlife habitat. This pressure is only going to increase with the population. Preserving the remaining wilderness/roadless areas in the Custer Gallatin, especially in the Hyalite/Porcupine/Buffalo Horn area, are critical to preserving the beauty and unique attributes of Montana. If the existing protections are removed or never made permanent, these areas will be slowly but surely despoiled by more intensive recreational use and resource extraction. Once they are gone they are gone forever. Thank you for your consideration.