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Dear USFS,

Re: Support of the Gallatin Forest Partnership Agreement

I have lived, worked and added to the economy and recreated in the Gallatin Valley for 36 years. During that time, I've watched the area grow exponentially, and consequently the pressure on the forests has become immense. While I've hiked, biked, climbed in many of the areas named in this proposal, our favorite climbing areas now have waiting lines, trails are crowded and rivers are full of boaters. The pressure on this unique bioregion is enormous.

I am fully supportive of the well-thought out proposal of the Gallatin Forest Partnership. This compromise approach has brought together disparate groups of stakeholders, where everyone conceded a bit of their pet projects for the greater good of the Gallatin and Madison ranges.

The long-range vision of the science-based collaboration is the best, most moderate solution for sustainability in the midst of climate changes and population growth.

Please support the Gallatin Forest Partnership Agreement.