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Nancy Warren's, the U.S. Forest Service's Region 2 Threatened, Endangered, and Sensitive Species Program Leader, finding bears repeating: not one intact self-sustaining herd of wild American bison can be found on 160 million acres of National Forest lands in the western United States.

Without clear direction classifying American bison as a species of conservation concern, and enforceable standards to provide habitat and diversity, the next forest plan cannot be relied upon to ensure the viability and persistence of the migratory species on the Custer Gallatin National Forest.