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Comments:

I support all wilderness proposals presently under consideration in the Absaroka & Beartooth and Gallatin Forest, as well as the Bangtail & Bridgers, and the Crazy Mountains. I also support providing the maximum amount of Critical Habitat for the Grizzly bear, as well as maximum landscape connectivity (corridors) for said species. Grizzly bears should have access to the widest possible range, hopefully being able to freely traverse the National Forests between Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks.

The Grizzly Bear Recovery Zone should include the Absaroka Beartooth, Bangtail, Bridger, Crazy Mountains, Gallatin, and Henry's Lake. The Custer Gallatin National Forest should be managed for the Grizzly bear by protecting and restoring as much habitat as possible.

In sum, I support Alternative D related to the Custer Gallatin National Forest. Putting the Grizzly bear first is biologically correct, will protect the nation's publicly owned forests, and is consistent with the aims of the Endangered Species Act.

Thank you.