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Comments:

The Custer Gallatin National Forest is an important wilderness and wildlife area. This area contains habitats for grizzly bears, gray wolves, bighorn sheep, and other animals that are sensitive to human disturbances.

The current draft plan would allow activities that would be disturbing to wildlife and people who wish to enjoy the beauty and solitude of wilderness areas such as the Custer Gallatin National Forest. Construction or reconstruction of trails should not occur. The number of people and pack animals should be limited to that shown to be acceptable by research data. Motorized or mechanized activities should not be allowed.

I support the wilderness recommendations in Alternative D of the Revised Draft Forest Plan. The entire 230,000 wild, roadless acres of the Gallatin Range should be included in the final forest plan.