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I value wilderness and urge you to preserve and extend wilderness designations as much as possible, limiting use in such areas to foot and horse only. I hike regularly - at least once a week for 9 months of the year - and entering wilderness areas on these hikes is important - they are very special places that cannot be replicated and, once lost, cannot be regained. Whenever I pass the sign designating the beginning of wilderness, I am very glad to be there, in the wild, away from motors of any kind.

Towards this end, I support the following specifics for the Custer Gallatin National Forest:

- Protect the Crazy Mountains and work with the Crow Nation in managing them.
- Protect these areas by in the Pryors designating them wilderness: Lost Water, Big Pryor, Punch Bowl, and Bear Canyon.
- Implement the Gallatin Forest Partnership agreement.
- Maintain the current recommended wilderness boundaries in the Lionhead.
- Retain areas currently recommended for Wilderness in the Absaroka Beartooth area and ADD Dome Mountain, Emigrant Peak, Chico Peak, Woodbine, East Rosebud to Stillwater, and Red Lodge Creek. (These areas are especially dear to me as they are in my "backyard.")
- Manage the Tongue river Breaks, King Mountain, and Cook Mountain in the Ashland district as recommended Wilderness.
- Lastly, but equally important: these areas recommended for Wilderness should be treated like any designated Wilderness areas. Allow foot and horse travel ONLY and do not allow any mechanized or motorized use.

I support preserving and expanding our Wilderness areas in the Custer Gallatin National Forest.