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Comment on Custer Gallatin Forest Plan DEIS

The Forest Service failed to provide a "No Action" alternative.

The Forest Service failed to provide a "Preferred" alternative.

Livestock grazing is an effective way of reducing risk to wildfire. Livestock grazing also benefits wildlife habitat and provides soil nutrients increasing forage productivity. Section 2.4.5, pages 74-78 of the DEIS, Permitted Livestock Grazing has no mention of the benefits of livestock grazing. I request the Forest Service include information on the benefits of livestock grazing.

Page 77, Guideline (FW-GDL-GRAZ) 02 states: "should have end of season stubble height of hydrophilic vegetation along the greenline be at least 4-6 inches". This is an unrealistic forest wide requirement and I request the Forest Service insert language to allow more site-specific requirements on end of season stubble heights. The Custer portion or eastern part of the Custer Gallatin provides 81% of livestock grazing and this area is dry grass land. Much of this area does not produce stubble heights of 4-6 inches without grazing.