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Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Of the alternatives, I like Alt. D the most. I believe that four areas should be recommended by the Custer Gallatin National Forest for Wilderness designation. These areas are Bear Canyon, Big Pryor Mountain, Punch Bowl RWAs, and Lost Water Canyon RWA. The latter, Lost Water Canyon should be enlarged. There are few if any Wilderness areas with ecosystems like those found in the Pryors, which makes them very special and deserving of protection. A "Backcountry" designation will not offer enough protection. I believe the four RWAs included in Alternative D offer a balanced approach; motorized and bike routes will for the most part be maintained. Please protect this unique area, this island range that is so different ecologically. Please choose Alternative D.