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Please register the following comment for the DEIS of the Custer Gallatin National Forest Management Plan. While it is short and mentions specifically the Pryor Mountains, its underlying philosophy should be applied to all qualifying Custer Gallatin areas managed by the Forest Service. "The most important responsibility of the Forest Service is to protect what is left of natural landscapes. Wilderness Area designation is an ecological title focused on protecting the natural landscape. This is very different from "Backcountry Areas" whose focal point is human-centered activity such as recreation and other "uses" of the landscape. Please designate the four Recommended Wilderness Areas in the Pryors as described in Alternative D. This is a win-win solution that will retain abundant motorized and mechanized opportunities while protecting remaining natural landscapes so they can heal from previous abuse." Thank you for consideration of these remarks.