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Comments:

Humans have made a series of horrible mistakes with unintended consequences over and over again.

Please learn from our past mistakes and utilize the precautionary principle and CHANGE LESS and do it SLOWER.

To this end I support Alternative D of the Revised Draft Forest Plan; however, they must be improved by adding the entire 230,000 wild, roadless acres of the Gallatin Range as Recommend Wilderness in the final forest plan.

To this end, I posit that we prohibit all motorized and mechanized uses, and any other activities not consistent with wilderness protection, in the Recommended Wilderness areas so as to preserve their wilderness qualities until Congress acts on the wilderness recommendations.

The Forest Service should reduce group size limits to eight head of stock and 12 people max., as this has been shown to be the upper limit for least adverse impact.

The Forest Service should reduce group size limits accordingly so as to protect all Wildernesses on the forest from harm.

Further, the forest plan should put an end to ecologically destructive fish stocking in naturally fishless wilderness lakes, which significantly alters the areas' natural conditions.

Eliminating fish stocking would likely go a long way toward solving this problem, but additional measures must be included as needed.

The plan must address the issue of human and pack animal feces contamination of lakes and streams on the Beartooth Plateau in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness.

Vacant grazing allotments in the Wildernesses should be closed so these areas can return to a wild condition.

We need less cattle grazing because it has been shown to result in inevitable overgrazing and destruction of grasslands and meadows (unlike the bison herds).

No trail construction or reconstruction in the currently trailless areas of the Absaroka Beartooth and Lee Metcalf Wildernesses. This provides remote areas for wildlife as well as premier areas for solitude.

Thank You Sincerely, Richard