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Comments:

Please incorporate and strengthen Alternative D into the Gallatin Forest Plan. Having lived in Silver Springs, Montana and worked in Yellowstone National Park, I am intimately familiar with the conditions of the surrounding forests, including Custer Gallatin. The national forests where domestic farm animals are allowed to graze are in deteriorating conditions. Cattle and sheep grazing should be banned in protection of the water quality, soil integrity, species diversity, and conservation. This is in the interest of long-term viability as well as economic gain through sustainable eco-tourism, light recreation, science/research, and education.

Select species that live or migrate through Custer Gallatin must be protected, including wild, American Bison and gray wolves. Indigenous species are near all in decline, with rapid climate change making issues worse. We must compensate and fix these human-caused issues while supporting the above named economic enterprises.

Every time we make a short term economic decision, we lose money. We repeat our mistakes, often to benefit the few/ special interest groups. This must stop for the betterment of America and society in general. Protect Custer Gallatin and strengthen Alternative D. Let's see a prosperous future for all - local people, society, wildlife, and lands. Thank you.