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Comments:

I am writing to let you know that I vigorously support Alternative D of the draft forest plan. Alternative D creates 39 Recommended Wilderness areas totaling over 711,000 acres, including the Gallatin Range, Lionhead, Crazy Mountains, Bridger Range, Cowboys Heaven, Deer Creeks, Line Creek Plateau, Emigrant Peak, West Fork Rock Creek, Red Lodge Creek, Pryor Mountains, and Tongue River Breaks.

Wilderness recommendations in Alternative D of the draft forest plan would offer the best protection for the Gallatin Range and other critical wildlife habitat across the Custer Gallatin National Forest.

Encompassing more than three million acres, the Custer Gallatin National Forest in Montana is a stronghold for iconic wildlife species like grizzly bears, gray wolves, bighorn sheep, mountain goats, and moose, which are very sensitive to human disturbance and development, and are teetering on the brink. I am extremely proactive in protecting wildlife.

Thank you,
Loretta Tiefen