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Comments:

I am writing to strongly support Alternative D in the Custer Gallatin National Forest Plan. I have lived and recreated in the CGNF since 1971. During that time, I have watched as the rest of MT and the west become busier. Alternative D strikes the correct balance between wilderness and the other commercial use in the forest. Specifically, traditional livestock use will continue but roads and other motorized use will be limited. As you know, climate change is accelerating, and the CGNF provides a buffer between the more dramatic climatological impacts and Montana. Please look towards the future, understand that change is coming more quickly than ever, and build a plan that supports the CGNF's role as the backbone to southern Montana's recreational, agricultural, and commercial economy. Similarly, as you know, the CGNF is home to a growing population of Grizzly Bears. Montana needs to be able to assume management for the bears but can only do that if the Grizzly Bear becomes de-listed. The CGNF's wildlife habitat supports a healthy bear population and will play a critical role in getting the Grizzly Bear off the ESA. Please select Alternative D.