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Comments:

I visit Montana's Yellowstone area and the Gallatin NF almost every year with the purpose of exploring and enjoying the large roadless and wilderness lands, including the Lee Metcalf Wilderness, the Gallatin Range, and the Bear Tooth Mountains.

I urge the Forest Service to select Alternative D, which would recommend wilderness designation to some of America's most iconic landscape surrounding Yellowstone NP. These lands are the crown jewel of our country's natural heritage, and they should be permanently protected for future generations as enduring Wilderness.

In addition, the plan revision should prohibit all motorized and mechanized uses in those areas until Congress can enact Wilderness legislation.

Finally, the plan should ensure that existing Wilderness in the Absaroka-Beartooth and Metcalf Wilderness areas are protected from overuse by limiting stock and party sizes not to exceed 8 stock and 12 persons per party.