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Comments:

We live in a very special region of the United States with so many acres in which to recreate, to wander, to live unusual lives. Whether one's passion is hiking, fishing, camping, photographing, biking, tracking, snowmobiling, skiing or any other sort of outdoors activity, our environment provides for us.

Having been a hiker for the last 65 years and knowing the amazing solitude and beauty the Gallatin ecosystem provides to many of us, I ask that the Forest Service maintain these qualities permanently by including as many acres as possible as wilderness, for non-mechanized travel only. I've taken horses through the Gallatin and never seen the amount of damage from horses or hikers that I see with bicycles, motorbikes or ATVs. These mechanized and/or motorized forms of transport simply don't belong in wilderness.

Please, please choose Alternative D of the Custer Gallatin plans but also include language that bans mechanized and motorized use in these fragile, special and wild lands. We owe it to future generations to protect these areas from ourselves!