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Comments:

I support the wilderness recommendations in Alternative D of the Revised Draft Forest Plan; however, the entire 230,000 acres of the Gallatin Range must remain roadless - as Recommend Wilderness in the final forest plan.

All motorized and mechanized uses, in fact, any other activities not consistent with wilderness protection, will not be allowed in the Recommended Wilderness areas so as to preserve their wilderness qualities until Congress acts on the wilderness recommendations.

The draft plan has little direction for administering the Absaroka-Beartooth and Lee Metcalf Wildernesses since the current wilderness management plans allows large groups of 25 head of stock (horses and mules) and 15 people in most areas. Research shows that impacts increase significantly when group-sizes exceed eight head of stock and 12 people. The Forest Service should reduce group size limits to conform to research numbers to protect all Wildernesses on the forest from harm. Also, if a wilderness lake has no fish in it it should remain without fish in it i.e. no stocking of fish where there currently are no fish.