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Dear Sir or Madam,

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Custer Gallatin Forest Plan Amendment.

I support the Wilderness recommendations of Alternative D of this revised draft forest plan. Additionally, please include all 230,000 roadless wilderness quality acres of the Gallatin Range for proposed wilderness designation by Congress in the final environmental impact statement FEIS.

Wilderness is important. It separates the lazy from the energetic. many will not go where they cannot drive a vehicle. This is a good thing. It creates less conflict with wildlife. It significantly reduces impacts on wildlife and related natural resources. And, overall, it makes the forest services' job a whole lot easier.

Please strictly enforce the intent and letter of law of the Wilderness Act of 1964. The key requirement being absolutely No mechanized conveyance/transportation apparatus of any kind allowed ever. This requirement is sacrosanct and must be enforced without fail. It is the law. Statute law.

Let fires burn. No exceptions regardless of how they ignited. Let them burn undisturbed within designated wilderness areas. That is what makes wilderness a wilderness.

And, more often than not, fighting fire with bulldozers, chainsaws, and other mechanized firefighting equipment causes more damage than leaving it to burn. It is a way to make lots of money in a short time while claiming love for the forest.

Please do not stock naturally fishless lakes with fish. Allow nature itself to do that work. Let wilderness be wilderness. It is perfect that way. We can't improve on it by meddling with perfection. Again, let nature put fish in lakes and only nature itself. Otherwise harmful unintended consequences wreak havoc far beyond the presence of a mere fishless lake.

Thank you for reading this letter and carrying out my requests.

Sincerely,

James Woods