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Comments:

American bison should reach a year-round self-sustaining population on the National Forest. There must be a standard (a mandatory constraint) on forest decisions.

Please adopt the following:

- \* The best available scientific information supports strengthening alternative D with strong enforceable standards for American bison, bighorn sheep, and threatened grizzly bears.

- \* Conserving American bison viability and diversity should be a forest wide standard.

- \* Freedom for American bison to roam National Forest habitat should be a forest wide standard.

- \* Connectivity to habitat for American bison should be a forest wide standard.

- \* To restore connectivity, and conserve viability and diversity of American bison's genetically distinct subpopulations, the Custer Gallatin National Forest needs to adopt a standard to close and not permit cattle grazing allotments within American bison range.

- \* To restore connectivity, and conserve viability and diversity of native bighorn sheep populations, the Custer Gallatin National Forest needs to adopt a standard to close and not permit domestic sheep grazing allotments within bighorn sheep range.

- \* The best available scientific information supports including enforceable standards to protect key linkage areas, connectivity to habitat, and food security for threatened grizzly bears.

- \* The Custer Gallatin National Forest must adopt a forest wide standard for all grazing permits requiring "let-down" fencing and remove barriers that impede migration of native species.

- \* Restore more wetlands, creek banks, and pond edges through strong standards and more yearly projects to benefit American bison and native species diversity.

- \* The Custer Gallatin National Forest has a duty to fulfill its responsibilities and trust obligations safeguarding treaty rights, sacred species, sacred sites, and traditional cultural places of significance to aboriginal people.

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