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I'm a Montana resident who loves our wildlife and wild places, heart and soul; therefore, I feel compelled to add my voice to this initiative. There's still work to do on the Forest Service proposal. Please consider my personal input to ensure the final plan offers the best protection for some of southern Montana's wildest places:

Protect the following roadless areas in the Pryor Mountains as recommended Wilderness: Lost Water, Big Pryor, Punch Bowl, and Bear Canyon. My family owns cattle grazing property in the Pryor Mountains; we camp and explore there every summer. These areas offer essential nourishment for man and beast alike. Once they are over run with motor vehicles and then housing we lose a resource beyond value to more than just my family.

Protect the Crazy Mountains to preserve their outstanding wilderness values and manage the area in close consultation with the Crow Nation. These legacy mountains deserve our reverence for both their wildness and in honoring the native people.

Implement the Gallatin Forest Partnership agreement in order to safeguard the untrammelled wilderness that supports grizzlies, wolverines, elk, and other species that roam the range, as well as the clean, cold, and clear streams that support some of the best fishing in the world and eventually comes out of our taps. Do this now before the population around the Gallatin Range quickly doubles in size and negative impact. This agreement is our last best chance to permanently protect the Gallatins and secure additions to the Lee Metcalf Wilderness.

Maintain the boundaries of the current recommended Wilderness in the Lionhead

Protect the following roadless areas surrounding the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness as recommended Wilderness: Line Creek Plateau, Red Lodge Creek-Hellroaring Plateau, Chico Peak, Emigrant Peak, and Dome Mountain.

Manage the Tongue River Breaks, King Mountain, and Cook Mountain in the Ashland district as recommended Wilderness.

Manage recommended Wilderness just like designated Wilderness, allowing only foot and horse travel in recommended Wilderness and not allowing any mechanized or motorized use.

Thank you for the very difficult work you do every single day! Please know you are appreciated and I hope my added voice is too.