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Comments:

I am writing in support of the wilderness recommendations in Alternative D of the Revised Draft Forest Plan; however, they should be improved by including the entire 230,000 wild, roadless acres of the Gallatin Range as Recommend Wilderness in the final forest plan. The following three points also expand on the importance for the wild .

To keep the Gallatin Range wild the plan should prohibit all motorized and mechanized uses, and any other activities not consistent with wilderness protection, in the Recommended Wilderness areas so as to preserve their wilderness qualities until Congress acts on the wilderness recommendations.

As well, the Forest Service should reduce group size limits accordingly so as to protect all Wildernesses on the forest from harm, put an end to ecologically destructive fish stocking in naturally fishless wilderness lakes, and address the issue of human and pack animal feces contamination of lakes and streams on the Beartooth Plateau in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness.