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Comments:

I support the wilderness recommendations in Alternative D of the Revised Draft Forest Plan but the entire 230,000 wild, roadless acres of the Gallatin Range must be added as Recommend Wilderness.

The following three points also expand on the importance for the wild Gallatin Range:

1. The plan must 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.
2. Improve administration of the Absaroka-Beartooth and Lee Metcalf Wildernesses by reducing group size limits from the currently allowed 25 head of stock (horses and mules) and 15 people down to eight head of stock and 12 people to protect all Wildernesses on the forest from harm. Further, the forest plan should put an end to ecologically destructive fish stocking in naturally fishless wilderness lakes, which significantly alters the areas' natural conditions.
3. The plan must address the issue of human and pack animal feces contamination of lakes and streams on the Beartooth Plateau in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness. Eliminating fish stocking would likely go a long way toward solving this problem, but additional measures must be included if needed.