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Comments:

Greed and the total lack of respect for OUR Environment, (which includes The Arctic Refuge, ALL Waterways, Public Lands, National Parks and National Monuments), needs to stop NOW.

We ALL need to come together and save OUR Environment and Wildlife and if we all come together with some sane solutions we can SAVE ourselves at the same time. We ALL need to nurture OUR Nature in order for it to survive and thrive!

American Citizens deserve better and OUR voices need to be heard above the destructive nature of Greedy Corporations and ignorant individuals.

We ALL need to protect these extraordinary places and the Wildlife that lives there, to remain connected to this earth, it is not only about the salvation of the planet but it is also about the salvation of ourselves.

SAVE the Endangered Species Act!!

So All of the points below need to be followed in order to PROTECT OUR Heritage and to NOT destroy these beautiful open spaces.

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

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.

The draft plan has little direction for administering the Absaroka-Beartooth and Lee Metcalf Wildernesses. The current wilderness management plans allows destructively large groups of up to 25 head of stock (horses and mules) and 15 people in most areas. Research shows that impacts increase significantly when group-sizes exceed eight head of stock and 12 people. The Forest Service should reduce group size limits accordingly so as 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.

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.