

Mary Erickson  
Supervisor Custer Gallatin Natl Forest

Dear Mary;

As a lifelong resident of Gardiner Montana who has hunted, trapped and literally lived in the Gallatin Custer Natl Forest for my 70 years I desperately urge you to protect and preserve this area and these mtns for future generations.

When I was young they were a magical place for me with the wildlife and solitude they provided, now that I'm old these mtns still provide peace and quiet but they seem much smaller and even more valuable due to increasing visitation and population of people using them.

The qualities they (mtns) provide, once lost, can never really be duplicated, they are gone forever. We need more wilderness designation for what is left before it is gone forever.

I can't imagine a life without the existence of wilderness and wild unpeopled areas. Please save these Areas before it is too late, this is all we have left in a changing growing world

Sincerely  
Dana J. Chapman

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