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Dear Forest Service -

The future of the Custer Gallatin is personal for me. One of the places I treasure most in the world is Hyalite Canyon, that magical playground right in my Bozeman backyard. Hyalite is where I became an alpinist, in spirit and in practice. I've spent countless days ice climbing on the ephemeral frozen waterfalls of Twin Falls and Cleopatra's Needle, skiing around Divide Peak and Maid of the Mist, and trail running on Hyalite Peak and Mount Blackmore.

As an alpinist, I travel all over the world searching for unclimbed peaks in remote places. Although I love this style of adventure and the ability to experience our wild world, the experiences in my own backyard of Hyalite have been some of the most profound and meaningful. The sunrises and sunsets I have seen from atop the peaks, the bitterly cold mornings seeing my own breath as I approach an ice climb, the sore muscles after a day of running and skiing on Mt. Blackmore - those are the feelings that permeate my entire body, and those are the feelings that make me strive to keep Hyalite Canyon a wild and adventurous alpine playground.

I am writing to let you know that I support the Gallatin Forest Partnership Agreement and I want to see the Forest Service implement this agreement into the new Forest Plan. I want to continue to be able to recreate in Hyalite into the future and I hope that many more people will get to experience the beauty of Hyalite as I have.

Thank you!