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Comments:

Please choose option D for the future management of the Gallatin. This will preserve the wilderness status of the the Porcupine-Buffalo Horn area, a critical migratory route for all species that ever has existed in the Gallatin Range.

There is only a finite amount of roadless area left on the forest and I advocate for preserving all of it with wilderness designation and not sacrificing it to mountain bikes or other forms of mechanized travel. Any human activity impacts wildlife migration and the greater the numbers , the greater the impact. Mountain bikes allow more people to travel farther and faster into these roadless areas. Wilderness Study Areas should have been managed as wilderness to begin with and mountain bikes should never have been allowed. Now cyclist feel that they are entitled to half of the roadless areas in the Gallatin.

Alternative D preserves 250,000 acres of wilderness. Once we allow alternate usage, the wilderness is lost forever and we cannot create more roadless areas. I am an avid cyclist but I do not believe that we should sacrifice 125,000 acres of the potential wilderness on the Gallatin to mechanized recreation.