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As a Montanan, the wild places around my home have provided a critical component of my health and well-being. From elk hunting in the Crazy Mountains to backpacking with my family in Hyalite, the innumerable experiences I've had in these public lands have added untold depth to my life. My family's life is build around the recreational opportunities these places provide, and without them, we would be at a loss. As the population explodes in places like Bozeman, I believe it is imperative to protect the Custer Gallatin National Forest. I'd like to make this pages long but I know you've got better things to do! So please, protect the Crazies and the Pryors, implement the Gallatin Forest Partnership agreement, maintain the current recommended wilderness in the Lionhead, retain existing wilderness protections in the Absaroka-Beartooth zone and extend them to Dome Mountain, Emigrant Peak, Chico Peak, Wodbine, East Rosebud/Stillwater, and Red Lodge creek, extended wilderness protections to Tongue River Breaks, King Mountain, and Cook Mountain, and maintain wilderness areas as non-mechanized, non-motorized use areas. That is a long and lofty list and demands, but I believe these places are worth fighting for. Montana's vast expanses of wild places are unique and provide recreational opportunities for visitors and residents alike. Let's keep Montana as it is and extend protections where we can. Thank you for reading, I appreciate it.