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Comments:

I'm writing to express support for implementing the Gallatin Forest Partnership agreement. As a Bozeman based trail runner, backcountry skier, mountain biker, backpacker, and hiker I greatly value my access to solitude, inspiring natural beauty, and recreation in the national forests surrounding Bozeman. I would urge the Forest Service, in its next plan, to preserve the wild character of these lands to the greatest extent possible while continuing to support access to and recreation in these special places.

I would also request the Forest Service to include with its management plan strategies for enhancing winter access for non-motorized recreation across the Custer Gallatin National Forest, and especially in areas surrounding Bozeman's significant population of recreational users, by plowing and maintaining road access to trailheads in winter months. Expanded access will disperse use, both enhancing the user experience and reducing the impact on winter recreation.