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Dear Custer Gallatin Forest Plan Revision Team

The Custer Gallatin supports an incredible variety of iconic wildlife species and is key to wildlife movement throughout the landscape. The new forest plan must secure protections outside the grizzly bear recovery zone to facilitate grizzly connectivity to other ecosystems, and support a year-round self-sustaining bison population within tolerance areas. West Pine and Porcupine Buffalo Horn backcountry areas also need wildlife protections mirroring the Cabin Creek Wildlife Management Area, and recreation impacts to wildlife should be monitored.

In Addition[hellip]

designated hiking and recreation areas should be upheld but limited in terms of expansion. Given the explosive population growth in the area, maintaining areas of safe passage for wildlife and limiting public access to the extent of today is imperative.