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Comments:

I strongly support strong protections for the wildlife and wild places in the CGNF. As a key lynchpin of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem, the CGNF provides irreplaceable habitat in one of the most critical ecosystems in North America.

As recent studies have shown, we are losing species at an alarming rate. Climate change and habitat loss are the key contributors, and the CGNF should recognize the need to provide strong protections for this irreplaceable landscape.

As the father of a 6th generation Montanan who has yet to take his first steps, I can't wait to show him these wildplaces. I look forward to showing him why these places are important, why they should be protected, and share my passion for the outdoors by foot and by bike.

I fell in love with the outdoors in spite of growing up in Washington DC, and that's because I had access to Rock Creek Park. I had access to this gem not because it was walking distance, but because it was biking distance.

I believe we need to responsibly maintain and expand access to outdoor recreation opportunities so that my son and future generations have the same opportunity I had to fall in love with the outdoors.

I support the Gallatin Forest Partnership agreement as well as the Outdoor Alliance Vision recommendation.

I recommend designating the Lionhead area as a non-motorized Backcountry Area (ROS semi-primitive non-motorized in summer, primitive in winter), as an alternative to including it in the forest plan's current Recommended Wilderness. It is important to preserve the wild, undeveloped character of the Lionhead area while continuing to allow mountain bike use.

I support a non-motorized Backcountry Area designation to preserve Porcupine-Buffalo Horn and West Pine for current and future mountain biking opportunities.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit a comment.