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Comments:

I am submitting my comment specifically with concern to the recommended wilderness and administrative wilderness components of the plan.

I fully support alternative D and the addition of approximately 700,000 acres of new recommended wilderness in the Forest Plan Revision. The roadless base on the Custer-Gallatin, including the Hyalite Porcupine Buffalo Horn Wilderness Study Area, offers crucial habitat for countless native species, including us. We need more - not less wild and quiet places where we can seek solitude, perspective and renewal. I also fully support the wild Gallatin Range as recommended wilderness. This acreage absolutely needs to be added to any wilderness recommendation made by the Forest Service.

I fully support the prohibition of all motorized and mechanized uses in inventoried roadless areas and recommended wilderness areas as well. This kind of recreation already proliferates on many parts of the forest and it should not be permitted in any inventoried roadless areas or any recommended wilderness areas at all.

I have concerns with the wilderness management direction or lack of direction in the Forest Plan Revision. The group sizes/head of stock for the Lee Metcalf Wilderness and Absaroka - Beartooth Wilderness is must too big. The Forest Service should be aware of the research/literature which suggests the resource damage and harm (in this case deterioration of wilderness character) that occurs from allowing too much concentrated use in an area. Please reduce the head of stock (25 horses/mules) and the amount of people (15) in order to protect these designated Wilderness areas.

I fully support the prohibition of ecologically destructive fish stocking in lakes with these designated wilderness areas too. This management practice not only draws greater use and harm to the sensitive sub-alpine zone but it also significantly alters the lake's natural conditions.

Higher amounts of human feces and waste must also be more firmly and effectively addressed in the Forest Plan Revision. There is a direct correlation between larger group limits along with fish stocking in the sub-alpine area. Instead of deterring resource damage you are inviting it with your current policies. Please adjust this accordingly so that the current generation and future generations can experience and enjoy the enduring resource that Wilderness is.

Thank you.