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Comments:

Though I do not live in the immediate area, I enjoy visiting the Custer/Gallatin National Forest. I recommend Alternative D in the Custer/Gallatin National Forest Plan for wilderness and wildlife. That alternative comes closest to the ideal of 230,000 acres of wilderness.

The wildlands of Greater Yellowstone are important in connecting the wildlife of Yellowstone to the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem and onward to the Yukon. The most important area for this is the West Pine in the Paradise Valley, which Alternative C calls for opening to mt. bikes. I feel this would endanger the habitat for wild life such as the wolves, grizzlies, bighorn sheep, moose, elk, bison, etc. Please choose Alternative D for wildlife in Greater Yellowstone, and add to it so that there are 230,000 acres of wilderness in the Gallatin Range.

Thank you for considering my comments.