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Comments:

Wilderness is critical to our climate and must be protected. I support Alternative D of the Revised Draft Forest plan, yet this does not go far enough. The Plan must add the entire 230,000 wild, roadless acres of the Gallatin Range as recommended wilderness. This is important.

Wilderness plans must address waste from animals and humans coming into it from outside, especially as it contaminates streams and lakes. This is critical on the Beartooth Plateau in the Absaroka-Bearthooth Wilderness. Clean water is crucial to wilderness.

All motorized and mechanized vehicles and equipment are totally against the spirit and character of wilderness, and should be banned along with any other activities that despoil the wilderness experience and quality.

The Forest Service must reduce the group size limits for people and stock. Currently, groups of up to 15 people and 25 head of stock are permitted. This size group has been shown to be excessively destructive to our wilderness. Thus, group size should be limited to no more than 12 people and 8 head of stock to limit the harmful impact of this type of group use, and shorten the recovery time for nature to repair the insults.

Fish stocking is ecologically destructive and has no place in wilderness lakes, especially those lakes that naturally lack fish, and those at higher elevations. Again, this goes against the spirit of keeping wilderness wild in the manner that it was created. The web of nature makes sense! Let's keep it that way.