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Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Custer Gallatin National Forest Draft Plan and DEIS -the work that has been put in by FS employees and the community is appreciated. Revision at this point in time is so critical to being proactive to the impacts of changing population, recreation, and ethic Montana's wild places are facing.

As a skier, runner, biker, and snowmobiler, I value minimizing impacts while also supporting access through sustainable forest management. My specific comments are for the Absaroka-Beartooths and Gallatin areas. I'm a big fan of the Gallatin Forest Partnership and Alternative C with a couple modifications:

1. In addition to the 30 rivers recommended as eligible for Wild and Scenic designation, include Taylor Creek, Hellroaring Creek, and the South Fork of the Madison due to their outstanding wildlife values.
2. Recreational use must be monitored more extensively by area, and standards must ensure that increasing recreation is balanced with wildlife protection.
3. Manage existing wilderness areas in line with the 2020 Vision.
4. Grizzlies must also be designated as a Species of Conservation Concern.

I fully support keeping historically motorized trailed motorized while not creating more motorized trails.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the future of our forests.