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Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Gallatin/Custer forest plan. The areas in this plan were the first areas of Montana I visited in 1980 when I moved here. Two of these areas, the Gallatin Crest and the Lionhead area I have hiked and camped in extensively. The fact that I could go there and experience solitude and freedom from mechanical recreation convinced me to stay in Montana and bring my work and family here. Both of these areas have seen some misuse and illegal motorized activity so it is time to make abundantly clear that they are wilderness. I appreciate the work of the Gallatin Forest Partner ship and while it did not have everything I wanted included, I support collaboration.

Throughout this proposed plan are areas that deserve protection, and need to remain aligible for future consideration in out wilderness system. For this reason I urge you to strongly and clearly set high standards for Recommended Wilderness areas, clearly preventing mechanical uses in these areas. Thank you