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Comments:

The current wilderness management plan allows up to 25 head of stock (horses and mules) and 15 people in most areas. Research shows that impacts increase significantly when group size exceed 8 head of stock and 12 people. The Forest Service should reduce group size limits accordingly.

Vacant grazing allotments in the Wildernesses should be closed so these areas can return to a wild condition.

Please do not allow trail construction in the currently trail-less areas of the Absaroka Beartooth and Lee Metcalf Wildernesses.

I support the wilderness recommendations in Alternative D of the Revised Draft Forest Plan. These recommendations should include the 230,000 wild acres of the Gallatin Range as Recommend Wilderness in the final forest plan.

The plan should also prohibit all activities not consistent with wilderness protection in the Recommended Wilderness areas to preserve their wilderness qualities.