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Dear USFS,

I would like to voice my support for the Gallatin Forest Partnership Agreement.

Owning a thriving custom home building business in Bozeman since 1983, I have seen firsthand how abundant wildlife and a near-pristine environment has been a boon to the local economy. In 40 years living in SW Montana, I have watched Bozeman grow from a podunk cow town to a thriving internationally vibrant community. It wasn't ranching or extractive industry that led our growth. It was the untrammelled natural environment that brought people here in droves. Why? Because so many other places in the US were poor stewards of the wildlife and natural ecosystems.

Personally, I would prefer a forest plan option that designates the most permanent wilderness possible. Yet, for political expediency, plus a hope to balance competing interests in our community, I am supporting the Gallatin Forest Partnership Agreement.