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We appreciate the work you have done in communicating with the public and reaching out for our thoughts on creating a plan for managing our beloved wilderness areas.

We are writing to express our strong support for "Alternative D" to be adopted for management of the Gallatin Range. There is ample scientific research on the vital biological role this area serves in not only the Gallatin Range, but in connectivity to the north for species survival.

Allowing mountain biking to continue in the Buffalo Horn and Porcupine drainages will cause significant changes to the behavior of vital wildlife species. The likelihood of introduction of invasive plants is enhanced by the presence of the greater number of humans that bicycle travel will ensure.

We owe our grandchildren our very best efforts to safeguard the vital wildness of the Gallatin Mountains. Please gently but firmly reject any recommendations other than Alternative "D" for preservation of our Gallatins.