

Date submitted (Mountain Standard Time): 5/16/2019 11:41:58 AM

First name: David

Last name: Mikkelsen

Organization:

Title:

Official Representative/Member Indicator:

Address1: 281 Jefferson Rd.

Address2:

City: Princeton

State: NJ

Province/Region: NJ

Zip/Postal Code: 08540

Country: United States

Email: david.r.mikkelsen@gmail.com

Phone: 6096133346

Comments:

I support Alternative D in the wilderness recommendations of the Revised Draft Forest Plan. This alternative would be improved by adding the 230,000 wild, roadless acres of the Gallatin Range as Recommend Wilderness in the final forest plan.

The plan should prohibit motorized and mechanized activities, and all other activities that not consistent with wilderness designation, in the Recommended Wilderness areas so their wilderness qualities are preserved until Congress acts on the wilderness recommendations.

The draft plan has little direction for administering

The Forest Service should reduce group size limits in the Absaroka-Beartooth and Lee Metcalf Wildernesses. These should follow research that shows that group-sizes should not exceed eight head of stock and 12 people. The forest plan should cease ecologically destructive fish stocking in naturally fishless wilderness lakes; this is inconsistent with the spirit of a Wilderness designation.

The plan should address the issue of human and pack animal feces contamination of lakes and streams on the Beartooth Plateau in the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness, chiefly by eliminating or controlling any large group activities in these areas.