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Dear Revision Team,

I appreciate your attention to my brief comments on The Custer Gallatin National Forest's Draft Management Plan with regard to the Absaroka Beartooth and Madison, Henrys Lake, and Gallatin areas.

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I am in favor of full incorporation of the Gallatin Forest Partnership (GFP) Agreement into the plan for the Gallatin and Madison ranges. The integrity of Alternative C will be more fully realized by including wildlife linkage areas and existing wilderness, as well as enforceable climate change components. Please ensure that these components are part of the overall plan.

Furthermore, grizzly bear protections must include connectivity of their natural spaces & the species itself be designated as a Species of Conservation Concern.

I advocate for a year-round self-sustaining bison population within tolerance areas on National Forest System lands.

West Pine and Porcupine Buffalo Horn backcountry areas must have the same coverage as Cabin Creek Wildlife Management Area in wildlife protection and wild character plan characteristics.

Recreational use by people should be regularly monitored, not compromising the needs of wild animals depending on it for survival and natural behavior needs.

Monitor invasive species, aquatic habitats, fire and the effects of climate change and guide adaptive management as required by the 2012 planning rule (219.12(a)(5)(vi)).

Please include Taylor Creek, Hellroaring Creek, and the South Fork of the Madison in the plan for their invaluable wildlife benefits.

The Draft Plan and DEIS will be a strong management plan by incorporating these revisions for the foreseeable future of sustainable forest management.

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live in the area. But then, this is important for everyone because tourists like myself visit those places. It's what we want to see & know is being preserved for ecotourists & frankly, for the wildlife itself. If Yellowstone & other green space didn't exist, I would have no reason to come to WY. I urge you to do the right thing by having the wisdom & environmental ethic it takes to save & connect these irreplaceable wild spaces for whatever reasons you have. Please just do it.

Thanks for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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