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Comments:

I support the wilderness recommendations in Alternative D of the Revised Draft Forest Plan; however, they must be improved by adding the entire 230,000 wild, roadless acres of the Gallatin Range as Recommend Wilderness in the final forest plan. Wilderness recommendations in Alternative D of the draft forest plan would offer the best protection for the Gallatin Range and other critical wildlife habitat across the Custer Gallatin National Forest.

The plan should prohibit all motorized and mechanized uses, and any other activities not consistent with wilderness protection, in the Recommended Wilderness areas so as to preserve their wilderness qualities until Congress acts on the wilderness recommendations.

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