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Comments:

I am a big fan of keeping our national forests as wild and pristine as possible. I spend time hiking and bird watching and finding moments of quiet solitude in the Custer Gallatin National forest. These scenic and remote places restore my soul after a hectic week in the city. They really are the cathedrals of nature, refuges for wildlife and humanity alike.

It is because of this that I ask that ALL Recommended Wilderness areas be managed just exactly as if they were designated Wilderness. That protects them for wildlife and for future generations. There are plenty of other places to ride mountain bikes and ATVs, but if we allow such use in Big Pryor or Bear Canyon that means they are tarnished forever for people like me who desire untrammelled, quiet, pristine landscapes to hike, reflect, and explore.

I ask that you retain several areas that are currently recommended for Wilderness in the Absaroka Beartooth area, and that we go one better and add more in places like Woodbine, Chico Peak, Dome Mountain, and East Rosebud to Stillwater.

I'd also like to ask that the Gallatin Fire Partnership agreement be actually implemented.