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Comments:

I oppose the current draft for the following reasons. The plan should include prohibitions to all motorized and mechanized uses and any other activities not consistent with wilderness protections. No trail construction or reconstruction should be allowed in areas of the Absaroka Bearhooth and Lee Metcalf wildernesses. This will provide areas for wildlife and areas for solitude. Any vacant grazing allotments should be closed so these areas can return to a wild condition. The plan needs to address the impact of human and pack animal feces especially in water ways, lakes, streams and so on. Eliminating fish stocking should help lessen the impact, but additional measures should be considered. The plan has little direction for administering the two wildernesses as it allows for a large destructive group of stock. The larger the group the more destruction, loss of habitation and also feces. These should be reduced and further the plan should put an end to ecologically destructive fish stocking. Lastly, I do support the wilderness recommendations of Alternative D of the Revised Draft Forest Plan; however, it should be improved by adding the entire 230,000 wild, roadless acres of the Gallatin Range as recommended.