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Comments:

I support the wilderness recommendations in Alternative D of the Revised Draft Forest Plan. However, the entire 230,000 wild, roadless acres of the Gallatin Rang must be added to the final forest plan. The plan should prohibit all motorized and mechanized uses, and any other activities not consistent with wilderness protection until Congress acts on the wilderness recommendations.

The draft plan has little direction for administering the Absaroka-Beartooth and Lee Metcalf Wildernesses. The current wilderness management plans allows destructively large groups of people in most areas. Research has shown that destructive impacts increase significantly when group-sizes are too large. The Forest Service should reduce group size limits accordingly so as to protect all Wildernesses and forest areas. The forest plan should also put an end to ecologically destructive fish stocking in naturally fishless wilderness lakes, which significantly alters the areas' natural conditions. 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. Eliminating fish stocking would likely go a long way toward solving this problem.