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Custer Gallatin National Forest:

It is vital we protect the wild and natural resources that are so vital to current and future generations.

The Pryor Mountains are a unique mountain range, offering an unusual variety of plants, animals and geological formations. Those resources must be protected from excessive motorized use.

Living near the Line Creek Plateau, I am well aware of its importance in recreation, regional watersheds and wildlife habitat. The Line Creek Plateau offers essential elk and grizzly bear habitat.

The Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness Area is a vital heart at the center of a larger ecosystem that provides crucial wildlife habitat and watershed protections for a huge surrounding area. It is vital that the areas surrounding the Wilderness are protected, to preserve the essential role of wilderness in recreation, watershed protection and wildlife habitat.

As climate change impacts our region to an even greater extent, it will be vital to preserve existing wild spaces so that the region can have greater flexibility in adapting to the stresses of climate change.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide initial comments.