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Forest Plan Revision Team

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Dear Revision Team,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on The Custer Gallatin National Forest's Draft Management Plan. We own and operate a fly fishing outfitting business, Montana Angler Fly Fishing, that includes a fly shop and several lodges in the region. We also operate all of the guided fishing services for Lone Mountain Ranch in Big Sky and are the outfitter on record for the ranch in the CGNF.

Outdoor recreation is the number one economy in the state of Montana.

Residents and Nonresidents combine to spend over \$7 Billion in our state (a nearly equal split). The top drivers for Montana's tourism based economy is outdoor recreation. Fishing is one of the primary activities that brings people to our state, as well as one of the most popular activities for Montana residents.

Our non consumptive outdoor recreation industry related to fishing is based on clean waters. As Montana's population grows and infrastructure development increases our waters are at risk to increased degradation.

I strongly consider the CGNF to consider building water monitoring programs for important fisheries throughout the National Forest. In addition I would encourage the Forest Service to implement large stream corridor protection areas to minimize sedimentation from logging, road development etc to help protect our waters.

Thank You,

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