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Hi, This note explains several of my opinions on the Custer Gallatin forest revision plan.

1) I have read many of the emails and thoughts people have sent in.....the mass produced comments don't help in the least as there is most likely little thought put into them.

2) I am an outfitter whose livelihood depends on access to the USFS lands, not all of us are bankers, teachers, bus drivers etc. I am very careful to leave the land I walk on in

better shape than when I got there.....it can be as easy as picking up a can or candy wrapper to teaching my clients about protecting the environment. I pay taxes and bring

in revenue for the state of Montana every year.....some of this money goes to the USFS to keep the national parks and forests operating. Hunters and fishermen foot the bill

for almost all of the programs in place and without them these places will disappear in short order as there will not be funding available.

3) I believe that motorized vehicles should not be allowed on these lands, they themselves are not that destructive but many visitors abuse this and go wherever they want. A few

bad apples in the bunch have proved they can not stay where they are supposed to. Foot traffic and stock should be allowed as this is how our ancestors traveled these sacred lands.

4) In general we need wild places, that does not mean that people should be locked out of them. I invite you all to go for a hike on a beautiful morning in one of our forests and then tell

me that you should never again be able to do that. This thought does not work for me at all, I live here every day and will never take this for granted.....I love the wild forest's and want to

continue to take folks there to witness their splendor.

Thanks, Rich

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