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I would like to comment on the following areas being considered for the Custer Gallatin National Forest Plan. Having lived in southwest Montana for 59 years I have direct knowledge of many of these areas now being studied.

#1 Gallatin and Madison Ranges. I support the Gallatin Forest Partnership agreement, Alternative C. Having spent time at such places like Windy Pass, Deer and Moon Lakes, the Porcupine area, Hyalite, Squaw and innumerable others, I have a deep personal connection to all of this area. Also, I think Quake Lake and Cowboy Heaven should be added to the Lee Metcalf Wilderness Area. As the Metcalff is now it seems incomplete without these additions.

#2 Crazies.. I totally enjoy hunting and backpacking in the Crazies (west side) and hope to not see new motorized travel on trails in this area. Good luck on access on the east side!!

#3 Lionhead. Lets keep the existing acres of Wilderness for that area, Alternative A to horse and foot traffic only.

#4 Absorka-Beartooth. Alternative D seems the best fit. I have taken my kids and hopefully grandkids into this area on camping either by horse, llama's and backing in the past. Mill Cr., Emigrant Peak Area, the Dome mountain area are all perfect candidates for Wilderness.

As my dad used to tell me, "they're not making any more land. Lets protect what we have."

Thank you for your considerations,

Bill Story