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Forest Plan Revision Team

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Dear Revision Team,

As someone who has made repeated visits to Yellowstone, including a full summer working there in college, I respectfully submit my comments on the proposed Custer Gallatin National Forest Plan Revision. I urge the Forest Service to prioritize connecting wildlife habitat and to develop management strategies that promote healthy aquatic systems, habitat for wildlife, and reduce human-wildlife conflict.

Many species in Yellowstone National Park must move beyond park borders to national forest lands to access food, reach seasonal habitat, and connect with other portions of their population. The Forest Service should improve habitat and work to reduce human-wildlife conflicts to promote connection between the grizzly bears of the Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem and the Northern Continental Divide Ecosystem. In addition, the plan should provide additional measures to support bison on the national forest.

I believe the Forest Service has the opportunity -- and responsibility -- to play a leadership role in the long-term conservation of the iconic wildlife of our country's first national park and the broader Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem.

Please ensure protections are in place in the Custer Gallatin National Forest Plan to adequately protect and enhance Yellowstone wildlife.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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