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Dear Plan Revision Team,

Thank you for releasing the Draft EIS for review and comment. As a grassroots volunteer Wilderness advocate, I am reviewing the document and plan to submit further comments in the near future.

This request is to ask for direction on how to learn more about the evaluation process by the Regional Forester on Species of Conservation Concern. I have read some background, but I am not finding any rationale that would help us understand why, in particular, bison are not considered a species of Conservation Concern in the Gallatin Range and throughout the Forest. Given their natural range which once covered much of the North American continent, it seems clear to us that prioritizing recolonization of bison in the CGNF plan area is a necessary first step in restoring native wildlife to our public lands.

Thank you for any help you may provide.

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