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Comments:

Having spent some idyllic hours hiking and camping in the wild grandeur of the Gallatins, I would urge you to choose alternative D in your revised draft forest management plan. It's the only alternative that will provide the needed level of refuge to wildlife from the disruptions of motorized and mechanized recreation, which should be banned in all of the wilderness areas. The plan should be further strengthened by adding all of the wild, roadless acres of the Gallatin Range, which total some 230,000 acres as I understand it, as recommended wilderness. Also, fish stocking in the otherwise fishless high mountain lakes should be discontinued to avoid ecosystem disturbance and the number of pack animals per group and group size should be limited to what will cause only the most limited impacts on the ground. Camping should be kept far enough away from lakes and streams, and other necessary rules imposed, so that fecal contamination of the waters can be controlled effectively.

Thank you for considering my comments