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Comments:

Howdy,

Thanks very much for taking the time to review my comment. I work connecting students in Park and Gallatin counties to service projects on private and public land, including in the Custer Gallatin. I value your commitment to stewardship and appreciate the opportunity to voice my thoughts on the management of the National Forest.

I support the Gallatin Forest Partnership Agreement and would like to see it adopted into the final plan.

I support the Wilderness recommendations in Alternative C with the exception of the Lionhead. I believe the Lionhead should be managed as a non-motorized Backcountry Area.

I would also like to see the roadless lands from Chico Peak to Dome Mountain recommended for Wilderness. This area is deeply important to supporting healthy wildlife in the GYE, and it deserves the highest order of protection.

I support designating the Recreation Emphasis Areas identified in Alternative E, but ask that the Bridger Winter Recreation Emphasis Area be expanded north to Fairy Lake.

I would like to see the revised plan include an objective to begin winter travel planning on the Custer portion of the forest within 1 year of completing forest plan revision. The winter ROS maps in the final forest plan must show desired future conditions reflecting where over-snow vehicles are ecologically, socially, and physically suitable, and not simply map where snowmobiles are currently allowed.

Winter recreation is growing exponentially in the state and needs to be managed with caution.

The Forest Service should monitor wildlife populations across the forest, particularly in areas with high human use, and adapt recreation management as necessary to protect wildlife.

Thank you very much