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Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to offer a few brief comments on the travel planning subject.

I will be very brief and pointed in my comments. 1. I believe that science should drive decisions at all levels of national forest planning. 2. Extraction of resources and other for-profit uses of our public land should not lead the charge, rather they should be relegated to the back seat when it comes to planning. Use by the American public should take precedence over the gain and greed of private corporations or individuals.

3. Wilderness, while extremely valuable, is not a one-size-fits-all designation. A superior designation for some areas, including the Lions head, Gallatin crest, and other areas is roadless and non-motorized: That designation permits uses such as low-impact human-powered activities while excluding the damage caused by motor vehicles such as four wheelers, side-by-sides, and jeeps.

4. The professionals and experts employed long-term by the United States Forest service are our best stewards, and have accepted an incredible responsibility. From my experience, these individuals take that responsibility very seriously. I support the efforts of all of these dedicated employees, and I trust that they hold the well-being of our forests in the highest regard despite political, social, and other pressures. Keep up the great work.