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Comments:

Some of my finest memories are taking my young children to the Windy Pass cabin for a mid-July weekend. The wildflowers were always spectacular and the setting peaceful - until the motorcycles would roar through, shattering the quiet and alarming my children.

After the current travel plan was put in place, we backpacked the Crest trail and revisited the Windy Pass area. We had a much more rewarding experience and are grateful for the lack of motorized or mechanized use on the crest trail.

I strongly support the Gallatin Forest Partnership. It is the best proposal to protect the wilderness quality lands in the southern portion of the range. And, the partnership proposal would help settle the long-standing controversy around how the range is managed.

The Partnership proposal protects wilderness values on the southern end of the Range, and complementing Yellowstone. It also allows for continued recreational access. This is particularly important in the northern part of the range in the Hyalite drainage, which sees so much recreational activity.