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Comments:

Wow, Forest Plan Revisions. Kind of a big deal for all of us who use and value our public lands. The pressures facing our public lands - invasive species, increasing recreation demand, climate change - will continue to challenge the agency to fulfill its mission. However this revision process is an important moment in time for all of us to reflect on our trajectory and adjust our course of path.

Undeveloped wildlands are of critical importance both locally and at the global scale. Protecting these areas from future human modification provides for the highest likelihood that they will sustain their structure, function and composition. It is through this lens that I would like to express my full support for the recommendations of expanded wilderness included in the Gallatin Forest Partnership. I appreciate the collaborative decision-making process that group embodies. The wildlands recommended for wilderness by GFP represent priority areas for conservation while recognizing the long standing uses and contemporary debates across the landscape. Wilderness advocates like myself recognize the reality that not all lands can nor should receive our nation's highest level of protection. The GFP recommended wilderness areas reflect that reality. Thank you for your reports and thoughts made in the forest plan revision process.