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Comments:

I endorse the Gallatin Forest Partnership Agreement and appreciate the time and effort they have put into their mutual proposal. I do think it is lacking in 3 areas of protection- namely the Buffalohorn/ Porcupine WSA, the West Pine Creek WSA, and roadless areas.

I hope the forest service will offer the strictest wilderness delineation for the Buffalohorn and Porcupine drainages. These areas were always meant to have the highest protection and are paramount to grizzlies, elk, moose, bighorn sheep, lynx, and numerous other animals, birds, and amphibians, some of which are seeing their population decline. We need to keep this area wild, without recreation or logging. As the Gallatin Valley grows, we will be putting greater pressure on our wildlife, and need to protect their most vital areas.

Similarly, we need to keep recreation out of West Pine Creek to maintain the animal corridor between the Gallatin Range and the Bridger Range.

Finally, I feel roadless areas should absolutely be kept roadless. The Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem is worth protecting at a high level of conservation. We don't get another shot at this.

Solitude needing species should be given precedence over mountain bikers and motorized vehicles. There are plenty of trails available throughout the forest and only a few places where animals can naturally migrate.

I am a big fan of Lee Metcalf and his vision of conservation. I hope we can continue his vision for a Wild Montana.

-Fred