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Dear Custer Gallatin National Forest,

Over the years, I have hiked in and enjoyed a number of the areas whose future management will be decided by your agency. I am commenting for the record because I want to see these areas protected in perpetuity for future generations.

I live in Billings, and most of my recent hiking has been in the Beartooth Range. I support maximum areas protected for wilderness that are now under possible wilderness designation consideration. Also please protect Emigrant Peak and Chico Peak, Woodbine and East Rosebud to Stillwater, Dome Mountain, and Red Lodge Creek as wilderness. The Pryor Mountains, a unique area, are in my backyard, and I ask you to protect roadless areas there: Bear Canyon, Big Pryor, Punch Bowl, and Lost Water.

The Crazy Mountains are a day hike distance away from me, and I urge wilderness protection for all the areas in the Crazy Mountains being considered for wilderness designation.

So many of these areas are dear to me because the opportunity to be in them has added richness to my life.

To me these lands are the essence of Montana.

And now, these special places, are what bring my children (who live out of state) back to Montana year after year. Family means "home" but I know the areas that they have also grown to love, because they spent time in them when they were kids, have great value to them. Please protect our unique wildland heritage in the Custer Gallatin National Forest, for present, and especially future generations. Thank you.