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My wife and I are active members of our local hiking groups: the BWAGs (Bozeman Womens' Activity Group;) and the BMAGs (BZN. Mens' Activity Group) and have hiked & skied extensively in the Custer-Gallatin National Forest near Bozeman. Just last week we hiked up to Hyalite Lake with out of state relatives. We have both hiked extensively in the So. Cottonwood & Bozeman Creek drainages, inc. back country skiing in the winter for many years. I URGE you to implement the protections described in Alternative C of the Gallatin Forest Partnership rather than your proposal. In addition, PLEASE consider adopting all of the proposed wilderness additions described in the GFP. From our forest cabin @ 6,200 ft. in Madison County, we have also hiked and camped up to Cowboy Heaven, Fan Mtn., the Sphinx, Mill Cr. to the divide above Cedar Lake etc. It would be incomprehensible to me to exclude the magnificent high alpine country from Hyalite Pk. along the spectacular Gallatin Crest trail into YNP from the Alternative C of the GFP. These majestic areas need to be protected within wilderness boundary areas to provide us and future generations important, incomparable, backcountry conservation and recreation benefits so unique to Montana.

Thank you for your time and attention to my petition.

Gratefully yours,

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