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Comments:

My organization, Defend Our Parks, objects to parts of the Final Plan/Environmental Impact Statement. Specifically, we object to aspects of the following parts of the Final Plan/EIS:

- Areas recommended for wilderness designation, location and boundaries of backcountry areas and recreation emphasis areas, and wild and scenic river eligibility.
- Motorized and/or mechanized recreation access and suitability determinations in recommended wilderness, roadless areas, key linkage areas, and backcountry areas.
- Land management plan direction and use of best available scientific information for motorized recreation, recreation opportunity spectrum, pack goats, fire and fuels management, air quality soils, aquatic and riparian resources, vegetation, invasive species, livestock grazing, climate change, and carbon sequestration.
- Bison habitat and management
- Identification of species of conservation concern
- The projected timber sale quantity and sustained yield limit and the areas suitable for timber production and/or timber harvest.
- Land management plan direction for airfields and landing strips.
- Compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act regarding environmental analysis, range of alternatives, environmentally preferred alternative, public engagement, and response to comments.

We believe that the Custer Gallatin National Forest should be managed as a wilderness area, with no motorized traffic, no helicopters, no airplanes, no drones, no timber harvest, and no motorized recreation. We believe that all endangered species, including wolves and Yellowstone bison, should be protected, and that species of conservation concern should be identified and protected. There should be no mining, no drilling, no hunting, no trapping, and no other forms of human taking of resources.