Dear Commenter on the South Plateau Area Landscape Treatment Project:

This letter is to notify you that I am cancelling the current objection process for the South Plateau Area Landscape Treatment Project Environmental Assessment (EA) and Draft Decision Notice. We have conferred with the Montana Office of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and due to workload and staffing capacity issues, they will not be able to complete a Biological Opinion for this project prior to our anticipated decision on the Custer Gallatin’s Revised Forest Plan this summer.

Although the project will be delayed, the Forest intends to evaluate the South Plateau Area Landscape Treatment Project under the Revised Forest Plan for the Custer Gallatin National Forest. A revised EA for the South Plateau Area Landscape Treatment Project will be prepared to include any project design adjustments necessary under the new Forest Plan. There will be additional public involvement opportunities associated with the revised EA for the South Plateau Area Landscape Treatment Project. Although the objections received will not be used in any subsequent process, we will review the comments and concerns expressed in those objections as we continue to work on a revised EA.

Thank you for your continued interest in the South Plateau Area Landscape Treatment Project and the management of the Custer Gallatin National Forest.

Sincerely,

KATHLEEN MINOR
Acting Forest Supervisor

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