A large mountain in the background

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View of Gallatin Range from LaDuke addition to the AB Wilderness. Photo by George Wuerthner

NAME: LADUKE ADDITION TO AB WILDERNESS

SIZE: 649 acres

ELEVATION: Minimum Elevation 5,143 ft. Maximum Elevation 6,685 ft.

LOCATION: Between Gardiner and Corwin Springs east of Highway 89.

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ATTRIBUTES The LaDuke area is adjacent to the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness. There is a trail which swtch backs up the slope and quickly provides opportunity for solitude and primitive recreation. There are lovely little groves of aspen and grasslands with expansive views of the Gallatin Range across the Yellowstone River Valley. Nevertheless, given its location immediately above Highway 89 there are sights and sounds of cars, and other activities. The area contributes to beautiful scenery because the canyon walls are very steep, rocky, and dry as they rise up out of the Yellowstone River, and once on top of the rim there are views of Yellowstone National Park and access to the Absaroka-Beartooth Wilderness. LaDuke Hot Spring, bison, elk, and bighorn sheep winter range are found in this area.

PLANT COMMUNITIES: 50% shrub lands 25% dry grass, and 20% Douglas fir.

WILDLIFE: Elk winter range and migration corridor, bison winter range, mule deer, grizzly bear, black bear, wolf, and bighorn sheep.

DRAINAGES IN THIS PROPOSED WILDERNESS: Bassett Creek

