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Dear Forest Service Planners:

Thank you for this opportunity to submit comments on the Draft Plan of the Grand Mesa, Uncompaghre, and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests Plan Revision. The GMUG National Forests are incredibly important to me and the future of my community.

I have lived in Ouray for the past 12 years, and regularly visit the GMUG National Forest. I hike, bike, ski, and climb on the incredible wildlands that surround my home of Ouray. My favorite areas to recreate/visit are Yankee Boy, Governors, and Richmond Basins along with the various obscure trails near Red Mountain Pass. It is my wish that my experiences in these areas continue and to be preserved for future generations.

I care deeply about protecting and preserving wilderness character that exist in our National Forest lands and feel strongly that these resources can be lost quickly if proper management doesn't exist. I support the recommended Wilderness designations included in Alternative D, as well as support the inclusion of all recommended Wilderness areas presented in the Community COnservation Proposal, Gunnison Public Lands Initiative and COREact.

Thank you again for your work on updating the forest plan for the GMUG National Forests. The revision is long due, and I hope that the forest planners prioritize the protection of Wilderness, wildlife and water resources, as well as climate in this new revision.