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Comments: As registered nurse, resident of Mesa County and a frequent visitor of the Grand Mesa, USFS management of this area is very important to me. Given how critical outdoor and wilderness spaces our to health, especially during this pandemic, I urge the Forest Service to prioritize preserving the cross county ski areas and non-motorized wilderness in any management/fire mitigation planning. More specifically, I urge you to designate the current cross county ski areas, along with additional non-motorized areas as special management areas-reserved for public recreation and health benefits. These areas provide critical physical and mental health benefits to locals and visitors alike and contribute to the increasingly important tourism economy of the area.