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Comments: Hello! I am a resident of Delta County, property owner of a mining claim above Lake Irwin, and active user of the GMUG. I appreciate the opportunity to comment on this much needed plan.

First a note on a couple of specific places that should be addressed. I cross country ski on the Ward Lake trail on Grand Mesa, and request that snowmobiles not be allowed in the vicinity. This is a special place of quiet and beauty, and there are lots of existing snowmobile routes in the area to satisfy that user group.

I would also like to see the area north of Lake Irwin, above the mining claims that include Ruby Mountain, Green Lake and Mt. Owen/Purple given protection from motorized users through making it a Special Management Area. A landowners gate has allowed this area to recover from unrestricted summer use by ATV's and 4WD vehicles, but this may be overturned by the courts. That will leave it up to the USFS to close the road above the mining claims so that it can be available for nonmotorized users.

Wilderness is very important to me. I support Alternative D, plus all lands recommended in the Gunnison Public Lands initiative and Community Conservation Proposal.

To better protect hydrology resources, please enhance the protection in the riparian Management zones. The Ruby fork of Anthracite Creek and Deep Creek were previously found eligible and should be included.

I was pleased to see the Wildlife Management Area and would like to see those strengthened by requiring habitat blocks of at least 500 acres in size to have no roads or other human intrusions to big game habitat.

Thanks again for the work on this plan, and I hope further protection for wildlife, habitat, wilderness and water can be included in the final plan.