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Comments: I have lived in Montrose County for 34+ years. I enjoy hiking, birdwatching and backpacking in the GMUG. I am most interested in quiet, non mechanized recreation. This allows me to see birds and other wildlife, identify and appreciate wildflowers, recharge my mental health, and enjoy the outdoors with small groups of family and friends.WMA and ROS

I am supportive of the efforts of the GMUG to designate Wildlife Management Areas as a way to protect habitat for wildlife and lessen the impact of human activities on wildlife. I also support the use of ROS designations to define the types of recreation suitable for each area of the Forests.

I asked a question at one of the Open House meetings about the overlap between WMAs and ROS designations. The answer was not entirely clear, so I ask that the FS clarify the intent and the practical outcome of the overlap between WMAs and ROS. I would like to see this clearly mapped in the final Plan/EIS. I advocate that all WMAs have summer and winter ROS semi-primitive non-motorized designations, to provide maximum protection for wildlife. It is important that wildlife have year-round protection for breeding areas, winter shelter, spring-summer rearing of young, and overall reduction of stress. This ROS of semi-primitive non-motorized designation is in keeping with the goal of WMAs.