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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.

I am supportive of the efforts of the GMUG to designate Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) as a way to protect habitat for wildlife and lessen the impact of human activities on wildlife.

However, I recently heard about the CPW initial report that detailed their recommended WMA designations. This is from a CPW letter to GMUG planners dated 1 October 2018, Re: CPW Comments - GMUG National Forest Draft: Wilderness Evaluation Report (August 2018). Apparently the GMUG selected for the GMUG Forest Plan only half of the CPW's proposed WMAs. I ask that the GMUG provide an analysis of the rationale for not including all the CPW segments in TABLE 1 - CPW Wildlife Emphasis Areas and USFS Wilderness Evaluation.