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Comments: I live in Ophir and am submitting my comments on the GMUG Forest Plan Revision #51806. I do not support the Draft Revised Plan Preferred Alternative B. I prefer Alternative D, although I believe it needs some revisions/improvements. One of my biggest concerns is the proposal in all of the alternatives for a substantial increase of suitable timber. This part of Colorado, and of the GMUG Forests, is way more valuable and important for its biological diversity, which should be preserved and protected. And the money our local communities receive from tourists who are mostly outdoor recreationists, esp. skiers and summer tourists and hunters, is a massive part of our economy that creates way more jobs than the timber industry. Thousands of locals and hundreds of thousands of tourists each year hike and ski and bike in the Telluride area, including Ophir valley and the surrounding mesas and valleys and mountains, so activities and enterprises that come into conflict with that quiet enjoyment and recreation, such as timber harvesting, should not be allowed, or kept to an absolute minimum. Similarly, I don't support any extension of more motorized use in the GMUG. Please don't allow more snowmobiling or OHV use in any areas of the GMUG. OHV's have an especially negative impact on the forests, degrading the terrain and impacting wildlife calving, etc. Speaking of, I would also like to echo the Town of Ophir's request that the Winter ROS of the east side of our valley get changed to Semi-Primitive Non-motorized. Snowmobiling can also have huge negative impacts on wildlife, and I don't see the wisdome in allowing a minority of people's desire for motorized recreation to override the majority's desire for a quiet forest. And I'd also like to agree with the Town of Ophir's support of the Wilderness Area recommendations in Alternative D, and that those be included in the final plan, as well as the 246,000 acres of Special Management Areas (SMAs) in Alternative D. Thanks for soliciting the public's input, it is greatly appreciated. ~David Callicott