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Comments: I recently moved my family from Lafayette CO in the front range to Paonia for a better quality of life. We chose to settle here because of the wonderful agriculture with abundant local food of the highest quality and the incredible natural beauty of the North Fork Valley and surrounding mountains. Me and my daughter suffered from Asthma while living in the Front Range due to the poor air quality and have recovered our health living here in the fresh air.

Clean air and clean water are essential for the health of the community, the vibrancy of the agriculture and the draw of tourism.

Allocating land for destructive logging, fracking and other extractive industries is short sighted and harmful for the local community, region and world. What we need is to protect the health and beauty of our local ecosystem and support the transition of the local economy from coal extraction to sustainable industries like agriculture and ecotourism. I pray that the incredible land and nature we are blessed with will not only be preserved for my 8 year old daughter and her children, but healed and expanded beyond the scope it exists today.

As a resident of Paonia, I strongly support the expansion of wilderness and conservation areas as proposed in the GMUG Community Conservation Proposal: https://www.gmugrevision.com/maps/