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Comments: I would like to comment on the GMUG Forest Plan. Most significant for me, would be for the agency to understand the importance of planning for biodiversity! In these times.. the needs of the forest itself should be paramount. With global warming we need to be looking far into the future, and should at the very least, implement Alternative D.

I was born and raised on the western slope and have seen firsthand the major changes and the demands placed on our public lands. With increased population and recreation uses, the desire to venture in to our national forests has grown immensely. Parallel to that, is the need to protect these lands more from all of us who now seem to be loving our lands to death!

Having been fortunate to own a secluded cabin for years in an inholding on the Uncompahgre Plateau for years, I have personally seen what a succession of droughts has done to that land and the neighboring forest lands. Fewer birds, and species that have seem to have disappeared. Cow management that seems to be nonexistent in some areas. I know the concept of multiple use has been paramount in forest management , but in todays times some things aren't as viable or sustainable as in years past. I find myself often thinking how lopsided it seems for a handful of permittees to heavily impact the land that that belongs to so many others. Whether it's trees or cows. Not to mention the impact on the forest and its species from fungi, mammals both large and small, bird species, plant life, water etc.

In these troubled times it will pay to institute as much protection of the lands as we can, because down the road it will be too difficult and costly. Preparing now for more demands in the future will be wise, because we won't be able to turn back the clock. Thank you