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Comments: I support the implementation of Alternative C for the Ashley NF use plan.

As a hunter, angler, backpacker, and enjoyer of the wilderness in the Ashley NF, I have great concern about the other Alternatives increasing the land area boundaries for motorized vehicle travel and resource extraction. Increases of these activities have long term and in many cases permanent negative impacts to wildlife, watersheds, and native flora. A large portion of the Uinta mountain range already allows motor vehicle use and resource extraction and any further development will detract from the wilderness experience many users enjoy. I do not want to see or hear any more motors than I already do while out hunting and fishing and I know the majority of hunters and anglers feel the same way. The Ashley NF is the only remaining General Season elk hunting area that provides a true backcountry wilderness experiences for its users. Please do not open the door to allowing further development to this special place. Utah is already well known for its citizens not following laws and signage regarding OHV use on trails. Increasing the number of these roads and trails will only further exacerbate that issue. One of the most important aspects of protecting the ecosystem in these areas is protecting the watersheds. Increasing OHV use and resource extraction will undoubtedly affect water systems within the Ashley NF, which has MANY very delicate and rare marsh areas.

Another important aspect of Alternative C is the designation of a couple of the rivers as Wild and Scenic Rivers, giving them extra protection, which is important because as shown in the DEIS many of the watersheds in the Uintas are already at an At-Risk status.