

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests  
Forest Plan Revision - Comment Form

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Thank you for participating in the forest plan revision process; your input is important to us. You will have many additional opportunities for feedback, submissions and formalized comments as well. Feel free to attach additional pages and enclose in an envelope, if you need more space. Comments are welcome at any time, although comments received by **August 21, 2017** will be most helpful as we prepare the draft Assessment Report.

Does your comment pertain to a specific geographic area(s)? If so, please circle the area name(s):

Grand Mesa North Fork Valley Gunnison Basin San Juans Uncompahgre Plateau Other: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle the resource(s) your comment pertains to:

Fire Wildlife Timber Recreation Soil, Air and Water Resources Access Designated Areas Range

Cultural and Historic Resources Infrastructure Minerals and Energy Other: \_\_\_\_\_

What issues or changes have you noticed regarding this resource? \_\_\_\_\_

Large increase in number of users since 2013 and increased user conflicts involving off-leash dogs on the groomed Nordic ski trails (Skyway-Countyline & ward areas)

Supporting graph shows Nordic (XC) Skiing is the only winter activity with increasing participation. Future increases will likely increase conflicts.  
What is or isn't working regarding this resource and current management? \_\_\_\_\_

Off-leash dogs and XC skiing on groomed trails creates user conflict and public safety and sanitation issues. Dogs on groomed trails are not compatible <sup>with XC skiing</sup> and most XC ski areas in NA either ban dogs or restrict them to designated trails because of safety & liability issues.

What suggestions do you have to improve management of this resource through the revised Forest Plan? \_\_\_\_\_

~~For~~ manage winter dog activity by banning off-leash dogs on groomed ski trails. This similar to segregating snow mobile and XC ski activities. Some activities are ~~incompatible~~ simply not compatible. XC skiing on G. mesa is limited (groomed trails) because of terrain. XC skiers with dogs have many other places to go.

Submit comments to:

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# Total Number of Snow Sports Participants

