



Please consider this a public comment on
the Grand Mesa-Uncompahgre-Gunnison National Forest revised plan.

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Area or trail name: _____

Describe the area and your historical use/knowledge of the area.

I have spent many years hiking, fishing,
and camping on the Grand Mesa, the Uncompahgre, &
West Elk.

My time on the Uncompahgre has greatly diminished
expect for the Dominguez Canyon Wilderness. In my
experience much of the Uncompahgre due to lack of
protection has been trashed due to overabundant OHV
use and over abundance of dispersed uses.

Why is the area important from your perspective?

I am very appreciative that the Dominguez Canyon
area was designated wilderness. Increasing the size
of the area to include Kelso Mesa and the Dominguez
area to the Southwest would greatly enhance
opportunities for hiking, solitude, not to mention
enhanced protection for wild life. As a reminder,
opportunities for solitude (wilderness) comprise a
small percentage of forest lands

How would you like to see this area managed by the Forest Service and why?

I write in support of the Citizens Wilderness proposal -

The other concern I have is in regard to watershed protection, it is extremely important that the Kannah Creek watershed be protected - particularly from oil and gas development. It makes no sense to risk the water supply for the municipalities of Polysade, Clifton, Grand Junction, and Fritz -

Additional Comments

I will once again suggest taking the word "PLAY" out of your messaging materials - too many are estranged from nature and "play" invites reckless, irresponsible, and destructive behavior.

Thank you for the care and time you are taking to protect our forests for future generations

Steve Allerton