



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

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Area or trail name: Kannah Creek - Trail 703 (I think)

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

Having areas very close to town where my family can
very quickly hit the trail for a day hike or even a short
backpacking adventure is so important. Last year I discovered
the Kannah Creek area. I believe the trail was 703. My husband
and I hiked there twice because it was just a bit cooler
than the valley floor and a bunch of Canyon Cross
hiked there as well. ^{for our weekly hike} I'd call it a gem of our county.

Why is the area important from your perspective?

I like clean, pure water coming out of my faucet
when I turn the knob and my water, as much of
the folks in Grand Junction, comes from the Kannah
Creek watershed. Am I worried about the proposed
gas and oil development planned for the area
nearby? You bet I am. Spills, leaks, blow outs happen.
Yes, I drive a car and use many materials based
on petroleum. I understand we must have resource
development but, gasp, not in our watershed or ^{up the} where the
area surrounding it!

The other reason I'm concerned about this area
is our community is certainly ~~too~~ transforming into
the home on the western slope of outdoor recreation.

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

I'd love to see the Kanonah Creek area used and loved by all kinds of fellow community members as well as people from all over Colorado, the USA and even other countries. This is an area that should be enjoyed by human powered movement. I'm sure some folks might ride their bicycles (yikes - too scary) and it is a great place for horse-back riding. The trails are perfect, in my opinion, for hiking and backpacking. It's close to town, there's water and it's higher so it's a tad cooler. It's like a hidden secret that I have all to myself but I'll gladly share if more use as a local gem of Mesa County would ensure the area is preserved for ~~hikers~~ hikers for years to come.

Additional Comments

I'll mention water again. Anything you can do to protect our drinking water supply will be very much appreciated.