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Dear Supervisor Armentrout and the GMUG planning team
Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests
Attn: Plan Revision Team
2250 South Main Street
Dolores, CO 81416

Dear Supervisor Armentrout and the GMUG planning team,

Please accept this scoping comment on my behalf as an activist with Conservation Colorado, an environmental advocacy organization with over 36,000 members in all parts of Colorado.

The GMUG forest plan revision is an important element to prioritize conservation on the forest. A changing climate will require adaptive measures to maximize the forest's resiliency, but the forest must also improve carbon sink, and the climate change impacts and benefits of the forest should be in the plan.

Recreation is an important value on the forest. Please assure that there is a spectrum of sustainable recreational opportunity on the forest and that human-powered recreational forms receive attention. Please plan, implement and manage in ways that protect important recreation on the forest.

Many communities, as well as the great Gunnison and Colorado River systems have their headwaters in the GMUG. Please take care in the plan to safeguard riparian watersheds, such as Lower Creek on Grand Mesa. In general, please take protection of riparian headwaters areas of the forest.

Finally, the forest service should create observing wildlands to Recommended Wilderness status. The public values conservation of wildernes lands, and the GMUG possesses some potential areas including Ketchikan. Areas proposed for wilderness in the San Juan Mountains Wilderness and many others as reflected in the conservation community's recommended wilderness proposal.

Thank you for the opportunity to add my voice to the many people in Colorado who value the GMUG, and thank you for your thoughtful stewardship of our public lands!

Sincerely,



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