



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

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Area or trail name: all around Quarry to RIDGWAY, Lake City, Silverton, Elkville

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

I have worked and recreated in this area for the majority of my life at this point. It seems to me to have just the right mix of back country, open space, trails, scenic "scapes" - full of wild life and most of the time just the right amount of people (not many). The water ways that support the ridiculous number of deer and elk herds need to be managed to keep them appropriate to sustain the flora and fauna of the area.

Why is the area important from your perspective?

I assume this to be a trick question. This is the landscape that lets man get rejuvinated from the pace our society lives at this point in time.

The concept and the actuality of having national land that we all own collectively is enjoyable to me - the thought of it and the actuality - being in it.

When managed responsibly, it instills pride and is acretive to our democracy.

There are philosophical reasons also, but I will not go into them here. It is important! ;enough said.

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

Sustainably so they last as long as we do.

I realize that we attempt to employ "multiple use" while generally this can be a good idea, as the years go by, it seems that many of these uses are not good basically for the resource itself. They are "good for" some special interest or extractive industry - at a cost that covers nothing. Timber sales that don't even cover the roads, harvesting impacts or regeneration.

I would like to see the F.S. take into account more of the public sentiment.

Additional Comments

That being said, I'd like to thank all the government employees who help to protect our national resources and help to make this scoping process possible.