

OUTDOOR ALLIANCE

June 2, 2018

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests
Attn: Plan Revision Team
2250 South Main Street
Delta, CO 81416

Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments from Individuals

Dear Plan Revision Team,

Thank you for taking the time to consider the following 141 scoping comment letters submitted by individual members from Outdoor Alliance's (OA) network of supporters. Outdoor Alliance sought to provide a conduit for our members to provide helpful comments to the Plan Revision Team. We provided our members with an online comment form at OutdoorAlliance.org which asked relevant questions of members who used the online tool, rather than using either an open-ended or templated response form. The comments from those members responses are attached.

These comments are not from OA or endorsed by OA and are presented verbatim as provided by the member. The comment form may be found at:

<https://secure.everyaction.com/2X5h10MkSEurBu5PqqVNZw2>

We appreciate the opportunity to deliver these comments on behalf of our supporters and we look forward to continuing to work with you on the GMUG plan revision.

Best Regards,



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Date: 2018-05-16

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Fort Collins and recently visited the Dominguez Canyons and completed the loop. Most of the time I spend in the Forests is in the Routt, but was happy to visit your area. Love that for 2 days of a 4 day trip we saw no people and lots of birds and even a bear.

What do you like to do on these forests?

Ski, hike, backpack

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Keep motorized vehicles out of roadless areas (including mt. bikes) We need low stress locations without noise, motors, etc.!

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

See above

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

I will visit more often now.

From: Rickenbaugh, Anne <rickenbaugh@yahoo.com>
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Date: 2018-05-16

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Aspen and Gunnison. White River NF, GMuG NFs, San Isabel SF.

What do you like to do on these forests?

ski (frontside and bc), trail running, climb, mountaineering, camping, hiking, fishing, wildlife watching

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

There is an amazing trail network throughout and connecting these forests - walked a long section of the colorado trail last summer - awe inspiring scenery and trail.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

I wish the agency had more resources to manage high impact areas and educate the public about backcountry edicate and ethics. I think the agencies should be allowed to keep revenues from fee areas to help with this.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

Haven't found anywhere else I want to live!

From: Stiewert, Del <adi1del@aol.com>
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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Colorado springs and I use the Gunnison area a lot

What do you like to do on these forests?

fly fishing

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

I don't want public lands to be sold!!!!!!

From: Furtney, Seth <sethfurtney@hotmail.com>
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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

grand mesa mostly

What do you like to do on these forests?

Mountain bike mostly.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Flexible use. Limited restrictions.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

improve availability to good detailed maps including GPS technology and information on camping. Clear on restrictions

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

Use reasonable rules that people can understand and embrace. Don't place rules that essentially force non compliance

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Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Snowmass village co

What do you like to do on these forests?

Ski, climb, hike, kayak, dog walk,ski-jour,with dog, mountain bike

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Lots of wilderness on gunnison and uncompahgre. Groomed winter trails on grand mesa. Also mountain bike trails on grand mesa

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Denver. Uncompahgre

What do you like to do on these forests?

Ice climbing, backcountry skiing, hiking

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Space for non-motorized recreation

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Less natural resource extraction, more motorized and non-motorized recreation

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Grand Junction, CO and frequently spend my time in the Grand Mesa National Forest.

What do you like to do on these forests?

I love hiking and camping in the forest.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I think the level of solitude that is possible in the forest is nice. I always like more trails and less motorized recreation, but I understand that there are many different use cases for this land. The scenery here is special, especially compared to the high desert scenery that surrounds it.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

From: Roth, Donald <donny@independent-descents.com>
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Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Gunnison. I work in the mountains near Crested Butte. I spend nearly everyday on National Forest land.

What do you like to do on these forests?

I ski, mountain bike, hike and climb in this area.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

More bathrooms and recycling opportunities at the busiest summer trailheads. Fewer motorized vehicles off of designated corridors.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

We are losing quiet places. We need to preserve places where we can leave the pollution including noise of the city behind.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

I live in this area almost exclusively for the access to the mountains.

From: Winter, Clara <lexisnana1029@aol.com>
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Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in the Denver Metro area and have a small condo in Winter Park. I plan my Search for the gold Aspen trip to the Western Slope, Ridgeway Ouray etc in the late fall of most years

What do you like to do on these forests?

Hike, Cross Country ski, snowshoeing

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I like trails that I can hike with my dog

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

There have gotten to be SO many mountain bikers that it seems like I spend more and more time giving them the right of way. Would it be possible to have some trails for foot traffic only!

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

From: White, James <jameswhite1867@gmail.com>
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Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I visit all three.

What do you like to do on these forests?

River running, mountain biking and hiking/camping.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Less motorized everything.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Extraction industries and grazing are outdated, unnecessary and do irrevocable damage to the very place that can support a sustainable future for recreation.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

I think the emphasis of management needs to recognize that the outdoor rec industry and individuals outdoor recreation is where the lions share of the revenue is generated on our public lands. Reduce grazing, timber, mining, etc. before it is too late.

From: Bondurant, Tom <tom.bondurant@gmail.com>
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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Fort Collins - Gunnison and Uncompahgre

What do you like to do on these forests?

Mountain bike, hike, backcountry ski

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

More MTB accesible singletrack. Less UTV's.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Indian Hills; Gunnison

What do you like to do on these forests?

Hiking, camping

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Well marked, well maintained trails; no shooting or motorized vehicles, so that noise pollution is not a factor when enjoying natural surroundings.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

All it takes to ruin the scenery is one loud dirtbike/ATV or one person shooting a gun, within miles of campsites and trails.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

These forests are our state treasures, and I am passionate about keeping them healthy and accessible.

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Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Fort Collins and access various forests around the state.

What do you like to do on these forests?

Hike, mountain bike, snowshoe, climb, camp, ski

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Good scenery is the reason I like to get out in the mountains

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Too many people are trying to use motorized devices in the forest.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

From: Wheeler, Audrey <audrey@conservationco.org>
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Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Denver and have visited the Grand Mesa, Gunnison, and Uncompahgre forests. Public lands like these, preserved in their wild state, are the reason I live in Colorado and hugely impact my quality of life.

What do you like to do on these forests?

In these national forests, I hike, backpack, camp, ski, and rock climb. They provide solitude, natural beauty, an escape from civilization, and many other benefits for people, wildlife, and our planet. They also support rural economies and the outdoor recreation industry.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

In these places, it's important that stewardship, quiet recreation, and natural beauty are prioritized. Scenery is a hugely important part of my experience for the outdoor activities that I love, and maintaining trails for hiking and beautiful landscapes are central to my experience as someone who recreates.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

These national forests are a huge part of Colorado's way of life. I hope they remain protected for quiet recreation for generations to come.

From: McClard, Christina <christina.mcclard@gmail.com>
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Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I currently live in Fort Collins, but have previously lived (and will again soon) in Glenwood Springs. Of these, I most often visit Grand Mesa.

What do you like to do on these forests?

I like hiking there but would like to try mountain biking there.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Scenery is the WHOLE reason I go into forests. I love camping and using planned trails to leave the scenery in good condition for others to enjoy as well.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Uncompahgre, Gunnison

What do you like to do on these forests?

Ski, hike

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Motorized vehicles, scenery very important

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Fewer motorized vehicles

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Grand Mesa, Gunnison, and Uncompahgre.

What do you like to do on these forests?

Mountain biking, climbing, fishing, camping, and hiking.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Personally, I'd like to see dirt bikes and mountain bikes have separate trails, and it seems in most cases, they do, or are getting that way. When buddies and I go bikepacking or mountain biking, it's tough to keep a positive attitude when miles of trails get decimated by aggressive and/or inexperienced riders. I realize these trails may not be the best built, and weather, horses, hikers and mountain bikers do their own amounts of damage. *Sigh.* So, I'm singling out dirtbikers, here, but I know better than that. On a positive note, though, *most* riders are very friendly and follow trail etiquette - more than I can say for some of the hikers and horse riders I meet. I get it, I used to ride motocross and hare scrambles. It's a blast. There's got to be a happy medium.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

There's lots of things I wish I'd see less of, but I'm not sure what the USFS's budget is, or any of that. However, there's the camping situation that's out of control - it's so hard to find a spot, especially as an out-of-towner - even more so now that Gothic and OBJ are, like, the only ones open in the gulches north of CB. The people going camping inundate the immediate environment with loads of dust. Diesel fumes from the trucks/campers. So much noise pollution and air pollution.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

I'm sure, like a lot of other agencies, the USFS/USDA's budget has been cut. I'm not sure what the best ideas are, but I know you have some brilliant people on your ship. Like most people, I presume, I really just want to save the environment so that I can enjoy it with my newborn

son someday. It looks unlikely, though, at the pace Colorado is growing. Good luck. If I can help, let me know.

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Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

all of them

What do you like to do on these forests?

mtn bike and at ski

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

less entitled hikers with thier headphones in

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

dumbing down / sanitizing of trails needs to stop please!!

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

some controlled burns b4 things get out of hand

From: Estock, Peter <Estock.kp@comcast.net>
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Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Grand Mesa

What do you like to do on these forests?

Ski. Bike. Mountain bike

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Fewer atv type vehicle. Way too many now

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Parking is now a issue Not enough campsites

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

From: Ward, Jennifer <jennyrue@mac.com>
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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Crested Butte. Gunnison Valley forests.

What do you like to do on these forests?

Hike, mountain bike, ski

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Trail head facilities especially past Gothic near 401 and at 403 trail head. In the north end of Gunnison valley in the summer there are people who do not follow leave no trace etiquette, so better restrooms and signage to deter people from leaving human waste would be ideal. More solitude and less motorized traffic.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

I think the traffic on the north valley roads in the summer, particularly to Gothic, is a problem. Is it possible to offer bus service only into those areas on weekends and holidays (like they do at Maroon Bells)?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

The outdoor recreation is a big reason we have chosen to raise our family in Gunnison Valley. It makes me sad when, for example, the conservation core volunteers pull things like recliners out of the backcountry which have been left there all winter. I don't know how to help people to treat the wilderness with more respect, but it needs to happen.

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Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

My family visits these public lands and notice that areas that allow motorized vehicles are more trashed. Beer cans, gun shells and unnecessary fire rings.

What do you like to do on these forests?

Non motorized use.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Less roads, less motors.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live close to the Front Range, but I visit the Gunnison National Forest a half dozen times a year. I look forward to those visits every year. I also visit the Grand Mesa National Forest about once a year and get to the Uncompahgre National Forest every other year or so.

What do you like to do on these forests?

I like to ski and mountain bike in in the Gunnison and Uncompahgre National Forests, and I like to mountain bike in the Grand Mesa National Forest.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I would like to see a bit more solitude in these forests. They seem busier and busier every time I visit, and camping is more and more difficult to find. Scenery is important to me, but some more trails and access points, appropriately situated, could help spread people out and provide the solitude I treasure.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Dispersed camping is a bit of a mess in the forests. Users leave many sites a mess and don't care for the areas around them. What the Forest Service can do about this, I don't know, but I'd happily have my tax dollars to to the FS to help!

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

Our public lands make Colorado and the US the amazing places they are. We need to care for them while allowing responsible, low impact use. It's a tough nut to crack, but I know the FS and other land managers can do it.

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Colorado springs I visit Gunnison, and Uncompahgre

What do you like to do on these forests?

fly fishing

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

more forests!

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

being sold off

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live near Durango, so I visit the Gunnison and Uncompahgre forests most.

What do you like to do on these forests?

Mountain bike, fish and backcountry ski.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

trails, solitude, no motors. Scenery is one of the best parts of time in the forest.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Garfield County live, Visit Grand Mesa, Gunnison

What do you like to do on these forests?

Mountain biking, Hiking, cross country skiing and camping

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

All is good

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Carbondale, CO, but have spent more than a decade enjoying the Grand Mesa and Gunnison forests.

What do you like to do on these forests?

In my 15 years of living in Colorado, I've enjoyed the stoic views, epic solitude and intense majesty via skis, bikes, by foot and camping.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

If I had to choose between scenery and solitude, I'd ask for both. Alas, as our great state gets discovered and we improve access for all, I can't help but hope that we maintain the scenery as much as possible and try to strategically deal with the impact of more visitors, rather than reach further into our national landscape just so a few can reach solitude.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

I'm always saddened by the amount of trash I find on my excursions and by the seeming lack of integrity (or maybe it's just a lack of understanding) on the impact each individual has on trails, forests and wildlife. I'd like to see more policing of campsites and fines for those who litter/leave behind and/or have unwarranted impact on the wildlife.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

Living close to the great forests of Colorado has offered me the opportunity to develop a deep awareness of our impact, the curious responsibility to one-another and the obvious responsibility to the forests and wild. As we encroach upon development (homes, oil, gas, resources, etc), I hope and speak up for the lands and critters that came before us. Please maintain a forward looking model and be thoughtful, not spiteful and financially focused, in making major public decisions. Thank you for all that you do as public servants.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Vail. White River, Gunnison, Uncomprege

What do you like to do on these forests?

Ski, Hike Fish

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I would like to see motorized access more controlled. I would like it if the Forest Service would take the lead in working with advocacy groups for various types of usage - snowmobilers, skiers, mountain, bikers, etc. to insure non-destructive access for all

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

I would like to see more managed harvesting of all our forests. We have recently seen how destructive pine beetles can be. Managed harvesting is a much better alternative.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

I have lived in close proximity to various Colorado National Forests for almost all of my 72 years and i think the Forest Service has done a good job overall of managing those forests. I hope that will continue long into the future. I currently live in Vail, and skiing in the national forest was absolutely the reason for settling here.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Durango, visit San Juan most frequently but Uncompahgre some

What do you like to do on these forests?

ski, hut trips, hike, camp

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Less people, limit road improvements, we don't need to have roads accommodate 2wd vehicles.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Working pretty well for the most part

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

Increases the desire to stay in the area.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Highlands Ranch, Colorado. I visit White River, Roosevelt, Arapaho, Pike, San Isabel, Gunnison, Uncompahgre, San Juan, Grand Mesa, and Rio Grande, national forests quite frequently.

What do you like to do on these forests?

Camping, backpacking, hiking, trail running, mountain biking, hunting, photography, fishing, climbing, backcountry skiing, cross-country skiing,

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I'd like to see better enforcement of LNT in regards to dispersed camping, backpacking, motorized use, and shooting areas. I'd love to see more trails and backpacking loops but I know it's a lot to maintain already.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

You just don't have enough funding to have enough rangers patrolling or areas properly maintained. Forest fires are depleting your budget so I understand how frustrating that must be. We need to find new ways to ensure those abusing our public lands are held accountable. I constantly find fires left unattended, trash, resource destruction, and camping violations. I try to approach people and be friendly but I'm often ignored as I have no authority, by the time I reach cell service or a ranger can respond the offenders are typically gone. Example: 2 years ago while photographing the Milky Way I caught a large group camping on Maroon Lake and having driven a vehicle on the trail to the lake's edge. I drove to cell service and called every service I could (city, county, forest) and no one responded until the next morning when they had already left.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

I chose to live in Colorado 10 years ago because of it's amazing public lands and natural beauty. I think we should do everything to protect it as a recreation resource vs mineral

extraction; minerals will run out but if properly cared for recreation opportunities will always exist.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

What do you like to do on these forests?

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Colorado Springs. Pike, San Isabel, Gunnison and others.

What do you like to do on these forests?

That they are national forest and offer opportunities for multiple users. Like dirt bikes, mountain biking and hunting.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I would like to see these forests properly managed. Forests need to have mitigation done or be logged. So much of Colorado's forest is dead and waiting for a fire. Then it will be of no use for all users for a long time to come.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Lack of proper management of the actual forest. Forests in Colorado are dying due to poor management of them and are ripe for a forest fire.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

Access to forest continues to be restricted to horse back and on foot. Roads are being closed affecting the local economy when it comes to access issues. Motorized users are being demonized. The real issue is the risk of wildfire that would close these areas to all users! Special interest groups want to ignore this issue and close areas to motorized users. Which also would negatively affect the ability to fight a fire.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Live in Arvada. Grand Mesa & Gunnison most frequently visited.

What do you like to do on these forests?

Camp, fly fish, hike and hunt.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Fewer ATVs, motorcycles, loud generators. Scenery is a main reason for visiting these forests.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Not certain. Generally have good experiences.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

Don't live nearby.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Estes Park CO. I volunteer in RMNP and the local USFS forests, so that's where I visit most frequently.

What do you like to do on these forests?

Hike, climb. There are no bicycle paths in RMNP nor most of the local USFS areas; unless you go down towards Boulder or Fort Collins.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I'd like to see better trail management. Without the handful of volunteers some of these trails would never see a saw, shovel. Use trails spring up over night after major storms and because there is no local USFS staff and limited volunteers, there's absolutely no way we can keep up with the damage.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Talk to the current forest manager at RMNP, Brian. He gets it.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Live in Crested Butte and use Gunnison Forest the most.

What do you like to do on these forests?

Hiking, Nordic skiing, mountain biking.....We do NOT use motorized recreation.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Less motorized use...noise, smell, Disneyland like atmosphere when recreating. More solitude, quiet recreation.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Need more developed camping sites, more sites specific for motorized use and less motorized use of the whole forest.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

We have seen the backcountry around Crested Butte deteriorate and become overcrowded.....significant resource damage is occurring from dispersed camping and indiscriminate use.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

What do you like to do on these forests?

Camp, hike and bike

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

More solitude and balance allowing all to enjoy

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Paonia, and frequently (20X/yr) am in Gunnison NF, plus Grand Mesa.

What do you like to do on these forests?

I'm a runner and cyclist primarily, plus skiing (X-C).

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Recreation. Everything else COSTS money; recreation brings money to the local economy, and preserves the natural resources.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

A friend is a logger - a good guy, but he stays in business because the USFS PAYS him money to build logging roads. Grazing and logging is historic and fine, but public land has to be managed for its current best use.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

Public land is what it's all about!

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I visit all the forests but I spend the most time in the Uncompahgre. I live in the next valley south from Ophir, CO.

What do you like to do on these forests?

I day hike, camp, overnight backpacking. I do downhill skiing and cross country skiing and skate skiing and ski touring and mountain biking and climbing.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I would like to see more hiking trails. There are more and more people and crowded trailheads. We need to put more trails in to offer more options to spread people out more and allow for a little more solitude. We need to see less of summer motorcycles on hiking trails turning them into a V ditch instead of a trail. Or else there needs to be an unbelievably huge fee charges to the motorcycle user to pay a crew to fix all the trails twice a year back to perfect condition forever into the future. But it still would be unsafe and noisy.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

What does not work are cross country ski trails that allow snow biking and or snowmobiles and or motorcycles that destroy a brand new 5 hour groom in minutes for everyone else.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

Our national forests are such a treasure and to have them trashed via overuse, noise pollution, or whatever, is not an option. We are so lucky to be near these treasures. Fire mitigation needs to be looked at much more with the whole place getting drier. But not clear cutting, honest thinning like in Europe, fire breaks that can be narrow clear cut strips that could be a reasonable place to make a stand if a fire broke out. Getting homes built next to our forests to be required to create defensible space, not to necessarily to just protect the home but instead so they do not burn down to forest. My neighbor almost burned down our forest a few years back! Had he cut around his place we would not have had that super close

call. Also people are putting fire rings very close to trees and in some cases under trees. This can not be allowed.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

All three, plus areas outside of Ouray.

What do you like to do on these forests?

Hike, camp, backpack, kayak.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

More primitive camp sites. Scenery means a lot as well as privacy to experience solitude.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Incr.asing prices

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

What do you like to do on these forests?

Climb and Hike

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Solitude

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Boulder, Colorado. I visit the Uncompahgre National Forest at least once a year. I go there to photograph wildflowers in the summer and fall color in late September and early October. I also teach a fall color landscape photography workshop each year in the region around Ridgway.

What do you like to do on these forests?

Hiking, photographing, and backpacking are the primary reasons I visit the Uncompahgre National Forest.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

The rugged natural beauty of the area is critically important to me and to the students in my landscape photography workshops. Preservation of that beauty is paramount. I oppose activities that would degrade that beauty, such as logging or mining.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Boulder, but I frequently visit the Gunnison NF to bike, hike, and camp.

What do you like to do on these forests?

Primarily I mountain bike, but I also love to hike and camp in the forests.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

It is unfortunate that throughout Colorado, I frequently encounter motorized users who do not respect the trails and trail markers, and who are often armed. I'm not sure what they feel they need to protect themselves from, but I'm seeing and hearing guns more and more in every forest I visit.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

I know that budgets are stretched thin, but with the number of users we have and the population of the state growing, there really needs to be more enforcement of regulations for motorized users. Many seem to have the attitude that they can go wherever they want and do whatever they want to do, regardless of how that impacts the health of the forests and the enjoyment of it by other users.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

Thanks for taking my comments under consideration.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Gunnison

What do you like to do on these forests?

Mountain bike

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

More singletrack trails, solitude, beautiful scenery.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Too much motorized vehicles.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

GMUG has affected where I live (within driving distance) and is where I chose to spend on my vacations and time off.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

We drive down from the front range and hit up Crested Butte and Gunnison a few times a year.

What do you like to do on these forests?

We Backcountry ski (spring skinning), mountain bike and trail run/hike.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

There aren't many connector trails (a secondary Snodgrass seasonal access trail that goes around the private property and along the meridian lake towards town would be great) and there's a lack of camping/restroom issue near CB.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

We'd love to see more water/porta potties and would love a trail alongside these major roads so we don't have to battle cars.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

Yah- we're hoping to move closer someday soon!

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Live in Gunnison Colorado

What do you like to do on these forests?

Ski, hike, mountain bike, climb, camp.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Less motorized use as they destroy the trails. Crack down on extended camping. More focus on climate change and the impacts of tourism

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

I moved to Gunnison for the recreation opportunities

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

What do you like to do on these forests?

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

What do you like to do on these forests?

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Telluride. We visit the Uncompahgre National Forest

What do you like to do on these forests?

Ski and hike

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Trails, scenery and solitude.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

More designated camp sites are needed.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

Absolutely! It helps our mental health to live close by the National Forest.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Denver metro area. Grand Mesa and Gunnison forests.

What do you like to do on these forests?

ski, mountain bike, hike, camp

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Less motorized traffic on all forest lands

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Less motorized vehicles

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live close to The Grand Mesa so all my outdoor AND indoor activities depend on clean water, clean air and less intrusion by fracking, mining and other industrial development.

What do you like to do on these forests?

I love to ski, bike, hike and motorbike on The Grand Mesa and Uncompahgre Plateau in Crested Butte...some of the most wild and pristine country in Colorado.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

The lack of people and development make this area a wonderful playground for those who love to recreate outdoors.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

The amount of fracking that currently goes on and around The GMUG appears to be growing out of control. That combined with the fact that there is no accountability to citizens regarding exactly what chemicals are being pumped into the ground, affecting our groundwater is unconscionable.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

One of Colorado's few areas that actually have water in which to recreate should not be taken for granted. Indeed, it should be protected for Colorado's and the world to enjoy.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Crested Butte and recreate 3-5 days a week in the Gunnison forest.

What do you like to do on these forests?

I am a non motorized backcountry skier, rock climber and trail runner. I enjoy camping under the stars and a cold mountain swim as well.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I would like to see less two stroke motors and more respect from those on the motorized equipment. I was skinning down a road multiple times last winter and when passed by a snowmobile, they never even slowed down, blasting me with chunks of ice.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

The amount of trash left behind in the summers is really disheartening but I am not sure what to do about it.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

I choose to live in a place where I can be in the mountains with a quick stroll, run or skin. I realize that many other folks want to enjoy the forests as well, I just would like them to be respected so that each person can enjoy them.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I lived in Crested Butte for 7 years, and visited the Gunnison National Forest frequently.

What do you like to do on these forests?

Ski, hike, mountain bike, camp.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Less motorized use. More closed road that can become trails for quiet use.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in the front range, but own property in Crested Butte, so visit the Gunnison national forest most often

What do you like to do on these forests?

I ski, hike, climb, and mountain bike on trips to the Gunnison national forest.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I would like to see more mountain biking connecting trails, to avoid needing to use dirt/paved roads on rides. This would benefit both motorized users, who wouldn't have to deal with mountain bikes on the roads, as well as the bikers, who could be off on singletrack.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

The biggest issue I see in the Gunnison national forest is people setting up semi-permanent camps near Crested Butte. The free national forest camping should be limited to something like 4 days, to prevent people from basically trying to live there. It is getting overrun by the amount of people staying for extended periods of time.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

I'm planning to move to Crested Butte in the future when it works out, and having easy national forest access for outdoor activities is the primary reason to move.

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Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests
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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Lafayette, CO - Gunnison

What do you like to do on these forests?

Hike and seek solitude

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Solitude and scenery is very significant in my decision of where to go.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

We need to plan for more visitors and ensure lands are set aside for their intrinsic value.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

From: Hawse, Angela <alpinist007@mac.com>
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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Ridgway, CO. I am a frequent (4-7 times a week) to the Uncompahgre NF as well as the Gunnison NF.

What do you like to do on these forests?

Climb, Ski, hike, run, mountain bike, take time to be in the outdoors and breath fresh air and appreciate our national heritage of public lands.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Scenery matters a great deal. I would like to see a few more access points and trails but less development and homes going up where older mining claims exist. I would like to see our watersheds protected.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

The management of non-motorized and motorized use, especially in the winter in regards to where snowmobiles can and can't go. I am not against snowmobiles but believe in the winter when it's easy to go anywhere that un-managed use enables them to go anywhere they can go and this impacts the human powered experience. Red Mountain Pass in particular.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

I live here because of the easy access to my favorite public lands in the country.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Breckenridge. We visit Grand Mesa, Gunnison and Uncompahgre National Forests regularly.

What do you like to do on these forests?

Most of our trips to the forest are spent hiking. We have camped there often as well.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

We would love to maintain the solitude and pristine ecosystems within the forests.
Development and the proliferation of motorized vehicles within the forests is very disturbing.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Please consider moving significant portions of each forest to wilderness designations. Losing any more unspoiled habitat for wildlife and non-motorized recreation is a bad deal for the future of our state.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Denver co. I visit all of them but Gunnison the most.

What do you like to do on these forests?

I am a mountain biker and skier.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

trails for bicycles.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

maintenance of trails

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Grand Junction. I visit the Grand Mesa 2-3 times a month, the Gunnison 1-2 times a month, and the Uncompahgre ~4 times per year.

What do you like to do on these forests?

I ride mountain bikes on dirt, fatbikes on snow, kayak rivers, camp, and occasionally ski.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I'd like to see more law enforcement, particularly of motorized users on non-motorized trails. Seems like the amount of traffic on these trails has increased exponentially as the motorized crowd has realized how little LE there is happening.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I currently reside in Denver and I would like to someday see the forests of Colorado when I get the time.

What do you like to do on these forests?

Hike

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I would like to see the forest remain untouched and a place that wildlife can thrive rather than die off to exploitation.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Point of access to the forest should be only through designated trails that keep people safe as well as wildlife should be safe too.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

All lands should be strongly protected against any exploitation of minerals, and should remain protected for future generations continued existence.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

All National Forests and Parks

What do you like to do on these forests?

Climb, hike, ski, fish, hunt

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Solitude, scenery

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Tomichi, CO Gunnison nf and uncompahgre nf

What do you like to do on these forests?

Ski, hike, fish, snowmobile, dirtbike, backpack, climb peaks

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Less people. Less mountain bike only trails. Less new wilderness proposals. Less obvious discrimination against motorized recreation.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

The mass closing of historically open to motorized travel trails. The numbers of motorized users isn't declining, but the number of trails and areas to use them is! The mass production of new mountain bike trails. The method of if you are on a mountain bike trail and you can't hit another mountain bike trail if you throw a stick shows need for another mountain bike trail is a terrible decision making process. At least that's how the process appears to the general public.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

With the current direction of proposed changes, it has my family and I seriously contemplating moving elsewhere. I have lived here for over 35 years.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Aspen. Gunnison

What do you like to do on these forests?

Ski, hike

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

More ski areas

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

More skiing

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

More skiing approved

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Poncha Springs and visit San Isabel forest all the time

What do you like to do on these forests?

We ride mountain bikes and hike

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Let people enjoy the trails and don't limit use, including outfitters participation in the activities the public enjoys. Scenery is awesome

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

The USFS is creating too many regulations, ask the public to be responsible and keep the forest clean and maintained.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I've been visiting national forests all my life of 82 years, in Wyoming and Colorado.

What do you like to do on these forests?

My favorite activities include horse pack trips, fishing and hiking.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I'd like to see more people hiking and riding horseback riding.. I'd like to see less of dirt bikes or any other noisy activities including loud radios, loud drunken parties and other impacts of people's solitude.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Dirt bikes, ATVs, snow mobiles and other noisy vehicles should not be allowed. People should get off those things and walk!!!

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

I don't live close to any of these forests, but at a matter of principle, forests should be places of getting away from other people and other peoples' noises.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Boulder, and visit Grand Mesa and Gunnison. I'd like to visit Uncompahgre too.

What do you like to do on these forests?

I like to road bike, mountain bike, rock climb, and trail run.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Scenery matters a lot. I would like to not see (or smell or hear) motorized vehicles.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Montrose, CO and I visit the Gunnison, Grand Mesa and Uncompahgre National Forests about equally. I alpine ski and ski tour in both Grand Mesa and Gunnison National Forests during the winter and I hike the Uncompahgre Plateau in the spring and fall. I also mountaineer in the Uncompahgre National Forest during the spring and summer. On average, I visit the local National Forests twice a week.

What do you like to do on these forests?

In order of frequency, I hike, climb the peaks, ski and ride the mountain bike.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I really appreciate the recent road work for the Blue Lakes Trailhead (someday, some road base and a culvert or two for the aspen swamp about 1/2 mile in from the National Forest boundary). I also really appreciate the bathroom added to that trailhead in the last couple of years. I definitely appreciate bathrooms at well used trailhead.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Sadly, we have lots of dead/dying large trees in the Sneffels Range and Cimarron area that will need regular clearing to keep trails clear.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

I truly love the lands in every direction from where I live and this is precisely why I chose to retire in Montrose.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Boulder, CO Gunnison

What do you like to do on these forests?

Mtn Bike, Hike

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Trails and solitude

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

I like to keep mtn experiences quiet and human powered. (No e-bikes or motos) I think this is beneficial for the nature I want to see preserved.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Highlands Ranch and regularly visit the areas around the Grand Mesa and Gunnison as well as the length of the mountains from Fort Collins through Southern Colorado.

What do you like to do on these forests?

I hike, cross-country ski and snow shoe.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I'm out there to enjoy the wilderness and would like to see less motorized vehicles and intrusive sounds like dirt bikes, ATV's and snowmobiles.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Too crowded of course. Would like to see more information on where to go, how to get there, what trails are available.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

All of them

What do you like to do on these forests?

Avid hiker

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Better marked trails.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Too many bikes.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Boulder Colorado and the places I visit most frequently are the Grand Mesa and Gunnison

What do you like to do on these forests?

I hike, climb, ice climb, backpack, and camp in these national forests every summer

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I would like to see more dogs on leash or not permitted at all, more solitude, and more areas restored and cleaned up. Scenery is a priority for me and I choose as uncrowded of places as I can find for backpacking and hiking

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Too many people, too many dogs, campgrounds overrun

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Grand Junction and frequently visit Grand Mesa, Co Natl Monument, Rifle, the wild horse area, Fruita/Loma. Occasionally we go to Ridgeway or Vega Lake, or Crawford Res.

What do you like to do on these forests?

Hike, fish, snowshoe, canoe, float river, bike, horses, camp

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Id like to see cheaper campsites and pass costs, and more availability, especially primitive options. Natural scenery is already AWESOME.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Costs are too high for average to low incomes. Curious as to why dead wood already on the ground can't be harvested by those who could use it as heating fuel for their homes.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

We live here because of the area and it's natural diversity.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Gunnison

What do you like to do on these forests?

Ski, hike, camp, mountain bike

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Scenery is everything! Less toilet paper, plastic flossers and doggie poop bags left out by Tourons who are lazy, clueless and self serving. More enforcement on littering. More presence of park rangers.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

ATV's.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

It's why I live here. It's sad to see it being overused and under funded.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Summit County Colorado Resident, White River National Forest since I basically live in it.

What do you like to do on these forests?

Snowboard, Bike, Hike, Fish, Hunt, Off Road 4x4, Paddleboard, Boat

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

More dead fall cleared away from trails would be great. Some trails get covered with multiple trees on the regular.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Fire Mitigation needs to be improved. Our forests are dieing.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

I live, play, and sometimes work in the forest. So the health of the forest is very important to me.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Durango, Colorado. Often hike and bike the Colorado Trail and other trails in the San Juan Mountains

What do you like to do on these forests?

Bike, Hike, Ski.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Access points. Long views not impacted by roads or wires. Noise pollution is biggest detractor from outdoor experience.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

People need convenient ways to visit the forests...if we expect them to protect the forests.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

In favor of falling and/or harvesting dead standing trees from forests.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Montrose. All of the gmug area is my playground and I use this area virtually every week.

What do you like to do on these forests?

I like to ski, bike, climb, boat and hike the forests.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I enjoy quiet areas with minimal impacts. The fewer motors the better.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

I think some of the motorized trail areas shared with bikes are getting really beat up, like the Reno trail in crested Butte.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

We love having this resource close by.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

All of the above

What do you like to do on these forests?

run, hike, ski, camp

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

More, more, more. Scenery is the main draw, solitude, quiet, retreat from daily grind follow

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

reduce motorized activity, more enforcement of regulations, more education of public on how to treat our fragile resources

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

we are getting hammered by the influx of uninformed campers who leave trash, poop in the woods, abandon still-active fires, and could care less about what they leave behind

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Denver. I visit Gunnison National Forest the most frequently. I also love the Uncompahgre National Forest.

What do you like to do on these forests?

I fly fish, hike, camp, snowshoe and back country snowboard in these forests.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Less shooting guns by drunk people near camp sites.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Too many guns-need to ban target practice and limit that to shooting ranges. It's too dangerous when people are drinking and shooting guns near campsites. I am also concerned about drought in the Gunnison National Forest this year and overfishing limited fish stocks, especially of Colorado cutthroats.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

Absolutely. Access to these forests is the number one reason why Colorado is the most awesome state in the lower 48. It is a critical part of my life to enjoy this privilege of playing in so much public land.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Durango, and have spent time in parts of all three of these forest areas.

What do you like to do on these forests?

I am primarily a hiker, but I also mountain bike and backcountry snowboard.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Solitude, scenery, and a close unmediated experience of nature and wilderness are what I seek in the outdoors. Protecting our forests from the demands of development and mineral extraction is very important. As the population in our state grows, these forest and wilderness areas become ever more valuable and important.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

The public lands of the west are an amenity that millions of people enjoy every year. Our forests and wilderness, and the ease of access that we enjoy here in Colorado were a major factor in my decision to live here.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Denver and frequently visit Gunnison and Crested Butte.

What do you like to do on these forests?

I'm an avid mountain biker.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I d like to see less trash, and smarter choices from tourists.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Large RVs are not working for me. Size limits.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

I'm originally from the area. It will always be home. Outdoor education is important to me.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Eagle and visit Grand Mesa frequently.

What do you like to do on these forests?

Snowmobiling, hiking and mountain biking.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I'd like to see an effort towards trail and forest etiquette for all user groups to be able to equally respect the land as well as each other. As far as scenery, nothing is worse than signs saying trail closed!

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

It doesn't work for me to be told I can't recreate on certain land and then watch it be developed or cleared. A positive change would be to have more governmental cooperation with local user groups sharing in the efforts required to maintain a vibrant back country experience for all.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

Climate changes are constant and a one size fits all approach will not work.

From: Mull, Allen <Allen.mull@gmail.com>
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Date: 2018-06-01

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests
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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Gunnison

What do you like to do on these forests?

Hunt, Fish, Camp, Hike, mountain bike

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Better Balance between ATV activity and non motorized vehicles.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Put detailed maps with road closures online for easy access

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

From: Chess, Clyde <chessranch@elpasotel.net>
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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

What do you like to do on these forests?

Hike, fish, hunt and camp.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Timber management needs changed. Responsible logging will reduce fuel for wildland fires. Increased fire danger is reaping what we have sown by getting loggers out of our forests. Beetle kills should be managed. I know that would cause public crying, but we would have healthier woodland. Public education may help the emotional public response.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

Multiple use is good stewardship. I support responsible cattle and sheep grazing.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Denver and am a native to Colorado. I visit Gunnison and Uncompahgre the most frequent.

What do you like to do on these forests?

Bike and climb and hike sonetimes.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Points of access for the gunnison and for uncompahgre to seek different areas with less people.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

The regulated camping areas are limited the uses. I drive a long ways to find full camp sites and limited spaces. More And More access issues due to the over crowding of Our State.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

Someday I hope to move back up the hill to the western slope; however, if the accessibility doesn't keep up with growth Colorado will not be the same. In short we need to dipearse the masses over the avails land we have and limit motorized sports including sleds.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Lakewood and I like to hike on the Colorado Trail and Continental Divide Trail.

What do you like to do on these forests?

Hike, climb

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

More solitude, less ATVs

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Ucompahgre, Gunnison

What do you like to do on these forests?

Ski, climb and hike

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

More access, scenery is a big part for me being in the outdoors

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

From: McCall, Bill <billyblur@yahoo.com>
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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Lakewood and enjoy traveling to all of Colorado

What do you like to do on these forests?

I enjoy mountain biking, hiking, cross country skiing, and snowboarding

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Great to get new single track when possible

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Please keep out motorized use and please protect from those that would damage our natural resources

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

Thank you

From: Oppermann, Rachel <rachelwardoppermann@gmail.com>
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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

What do you like to do on these forests?

Hike, climb, mountain bike where allowed.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Trails, solitude and scenery. Minimal amenities.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

From: Sandin, Todd <t.sandin@comcast.net>
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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Grand MESA , uncompahgre

What do you like to do on these forests?

Hike , ski

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

More trails separate mtn bike and hiking

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Same trails for hiking and biking really need a separate trail system for safety , beauty and solitude

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

Please rate forest acres to improve quality

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Fort Collins. Grand Mesa

What do you like to do on these forests?

Climb Hike

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Solitude scenery is preeminent

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Over used my motorized vehicles

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

Campgrounds are stellar

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Grand Junction, Colorado and spend more than half my time in National Forests, Wilderness Areas and Parks, etc...

What do you like to do on these forests?

I hike, rock climb, ski, fish, hunt and live for the natural beauty of my surroundings.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

We need more of the outdoors in every aspect, whether it be forests, wilderness or open parks. Once this is gone, it's gone forever. As population increases, and it will, access will unfortunately need to be limited to keep these areas as pristine as possible. I never thought I would hear myself say this, however we must protect the outdoors at all cost for future generations.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

While I believe a reservation system is a good idea it must be streamlined. More thought must be given to application, reservation or lottery. For instance, waiting for over a year to access an area is unacceptable. Unfortunately we need more parking and camping areas.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

Please keep up the good fight to protect and preserve all of the outdoors for all generations to come.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in the Denver area and tend to spend time in the Grand Mesa area

What do you like to do on these forests?

I enjoy the forests for hiking and watching wildlife.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I would like to see fewer bikes and more people walking.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Camping and backpacking isn't as enjoyable given the larger numbers of visitors, especially mountain bikers who generally are uninterested in the quiet and solitude of the forests.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

We should do everything possible to preserve, protect and defend what remains of our national forests.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Uncompahgre the most, but all three

What do you like to do on these forests?

They exist, they live, they provide a safe place for the soul.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I don't hike/ski/etc. with my eyes closed. Why go if your eyes can't fill your soul with wonder and beauty. I want to see them, breathe them, I want them to live as ecosystems, not destroyed places on a map.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Uncompahgre, Gunnison

What do you like to do on these forests?

Hike, rock climb, snowboard

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Less is more!!!

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Any change needs to consider the effect on native plants and animals first. More is not better.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Crested butte. Gunnison.

What do you like to do on these forests?

Hike, climb, run, mountain bike

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I would like to see more toilets, better parking areas and better signage at popular trailheads. Scenery is very important. Places to go with solitude AND quiet is very important, ie no snowmobiles and no off road vehicles.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Off road vehicle access needs to be restricted to certain places.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

I chose to live in Crested butte because of its closeness to the mountains and the ability to find trails and peaks with no one else on them.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Steamboat Springs, but visit Grand Mesa, Gunnison, and Uncompahgre forests as much as I can. I wish I had the time to visit more often.

What do you like to do on these forests?

I like to pursue non motorized activities. Hiking above timberline, mountain biking forest trails, looking for fresh powder. Just to be outside, away from the noise, pollution, and general obnoxiousness of motorcycles and snowmobiles.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

More access points would be great. There is so much private property that the general public is cut off from a lot of great places.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Respect for non motorized areas is dismal. Violators need to have serious consequences in order to comply. Now there is just impunity.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Denver. Grand Mesa

What do you like to do on these forests?

Hike, ski, camp

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Trails and access points

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

I wish there were restrictions on where people can shoot their guns. It is a bit unnerving to hear rapid gun fire when hiking with small kids.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

What do you like to do on these forests?

I love forest for the beauty, the solitude , the spiritual connection with nature and enjoy hiking, camping, fishing, biking, and observing wildlife.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I would like to see more trails, but more quiet.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

More enforcement of regulations

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Live in Denver and visit the Gunnison National Forest most.

What do you like to do on these forests?

Hike, run, fish, camp, hunt.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Preserve the little solitude that we have left, please. We don't need MORE trails and access points, just well-maintained versions of what's there. I'm also a proponent of preserving some areas for human-powered activity like hiking and biking. ATVs and motorbikes are fine but should not be allowed everywhere.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Guns aren't working. We need designated firing ranges throughout our national forests. I'm a gun owner but it is insane that anyone can show up and fire weapons almost anywhere in a national forest. When I have my 3-yr-old nephew out to harvest a Xmas tree and I'm worrying about ricochets and backstops, something is very wrong.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

I only wish I lived closer.

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Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests
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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Loveland CO. I visit all three forests.

What do you like to do on these forests?

Hike, camp, flyfishing, enjoying the beauty, quiet, and solitude of nature

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

What to preserve and protect the forest as it is for the beauty and peace and solitude as the experience of being in the wild forests. I do not want to see increased motorized vehicle use, such as ATV/ORV or snowmobile use - this damages the environmental system, creates noise, is harmful and scares the wildlife, and destroys the solitude and peace of these places.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Increased ATV/ORV and snowmobile use do not work in these forests. We should take increased efforts to protect and preserve the ecology, flora, and fauna of these few remaining forests in our country. We need more education and protection for helping preserve and protect these places.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

We choose to live in the West because of the access to these incredibly beautiful places that are left. We like to recreate but do so without the use of motorized vehicles that do irreparable damage to the environment and can scare/harm the wildlife.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Denver & visit Gunnison area often.

What do you like to do on these forests?

I hike mostly & love the natural beauty of the forest.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Would like to see more pedestrian only trails & fewer motorized trails. The loudness of dirt bikes & ATVs is very stressful.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Durango - Uncompahgre

What do you like to do on these forests?

Hunt, fish, ski, backpack, hike, camp

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I would like to see more lands managed as wilderness, to provide more primitive types of recreation and better habitat for wildlife and more primitive backcountry hunting opportunities.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Once congress reauthorizes the LWCF, USFS should acquire more inholdings. The USFS needs to consider wildlife corridors and the migration of species especially in the western portions of the forest where there are islands of USFS lands that serve as critical habitat for migrating elk and deer herds.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

Absolutely, we chose to make Durango and southwest CO our home because of the proximity to our amazing public lands such as the GMUG. I would be happy to provide more detailed information to USFS as the process proceeds.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Most often I've visited Unvompahgre BUT I plan to frequent Gunnison this year.

What do you like to do on these forests?

Hike, backpack and mountain bike!

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Solitude. It's why I love to go! Scenery is hugely important to a good experience in our forests.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Manitou Springs, CO. Of course I visit Pike National Forest the most, but I also spend a lot of time in Gunnison and Uncompahgre National Forests.

What do you like to do on these forests?

I backcountry ski, climb peaks, hike, backpack and mountain bike.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I recognize that our national forests need to be managed for competing uses; however, it seems to me that motorized use seems to have priority over everyone else. I'm sure this is related to the history of the region, but I would like to see more value given to non-motorized uses. I go to the mountains for solitude, and there's nothing that can take that away faster than a band of roaring motorcycles or ATVs. I would like to see more trails that are for non-motorized use so that people who are there to enjoy the solitude and beauty can do so without being confronted by the very thing they are trying to escape. Scenery is very important in my experience, and these three national forests have some of the best.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

It's my opinion that motorized access should be restricted to certain areas and more trails should be developed for non-motorized users. Why? Because motorized access tends to despoil an area, and the noise and commotion negatively impacts the experience of the non-motorized user.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Live in Boulder. Visit Gunnison most frequently.

What do you like to do on these forests?

Mountain bike, ski, hike.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I'd like the local advocacy groups to be heard in collaborative fashion.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

I don't know enough to answer this question.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

The traditional mountain biking network around Crested Butte is one of the best things in the world as far as I'm concerned.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Denver, and I visit the Gunnison National Forest most frequently.

What do you like to do on these forests?

I like to ski at Crested Butte, hike around the scenery. Additionally, we frequently visit the family ranch in Parlin and enjoy the multiple opportunities to use the land in that area.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I love taking in the scenery, and I like places where I can be alone. Trail access is important to me.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

I do not think there needs to be a ton of road access. People can hike in if they want to camp.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

What do you like to do on these forests?

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Aspen, CO I visit all three forests frequently

What do you like to do on these forests?

Hike climb ski explore

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Scenery matters the most, solitude comes second.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Awareness of how fragile the ecosystems are

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I current live in Longmont, Colorado but frequent the Grand Mesa, Gunnison and Uncompahgre forests for recreational opportunities.

What do you like to do on these forests?

I enjoy biking, hiking and fly-fishing.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

The ability to seek solitude and amazingly beautiful vistas is paramount. I would like to see these characteristics retained for all GMUG forests.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

OHV is detrimental to forests lands as is grazing.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

I am currently considering a move to the region and any limits of recreational opportunities or increases in resource extraction would deter my considering the GMUG region.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Denver and visit the Gunnison National Forest.

What do you like to do on these forests?

I am primarily a hiker but do lots of camping, backpacking and the occasional mountain biking.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I am in favor of as little development as possible. Access is obviously important but I would prefer to keep the area as natural and wild as possible.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

In the last few years I have seen a dramatic uptake in the amount of trash left behind by hikers and campers. As a Colorado native, I equate some of this with an influx of new people to the state. I do not know what the solution is. More funding for trail maintenance and accountability for violators. Information campaigns maybe?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Denver and visit the Gunnison National Forest as my family has had a ranch in the Gunnison valley for four generations. We have camped, hiked, and biked through that place multiple times and love it to death.

What do you like to do on these forests?

Ski Crested Butte, camp in the forest, hike and bike the trails

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Scenery is HUGE and would love to have more trails. The forest is huge and there is so much to explore and the more we can provide access the better. I'd also be curious what options exist for better refuse collection or signage explaining the leave no trace rules.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Honestly more funding for the forest service to hire personnel to do the critical upkeep necessary of our public lands. More than anything a good operation needs good people and that often can't happen when offering low wages or limited positions.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

It has affected my family for over 100 years. We've watched that valley grow and have been a part of the community there and more than anything we want to conserve and preserve the wonders of God that surround us there.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Breckenridge Colorado and since I moved here 12 years ago thousands of acres have been closed to motorized use for no reason other than special interests . I currently recreate in every forest in Colorado including grand Mesa Gunnison, Summit, route, north route, Etc.

What do you like to do on these forests?

Hike, camp, mountain bike, dirtbike, snowmobile, hunt, fish hike, camp, mountain bike, dirtbike, snowmobile, hunt, fish, .

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I would like to see more designated motorized use areas. Please stop closing these areas, snowmobilers and dirt bikers bring A ton of money to local economies and businesses! Scenery is everything! Anyone can go ride their bike in Denver, Itís the scenery that makes the Mountain special.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Every year there or if you were in fewer places to recreate. I understand wilderness is extremely important for the natural ecosystems to thrive.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

I moved to Summit County because I could snowmobile and dirt bike ride out my back door. Because of closures of trails and roads this is no longer possible. Considering moving to BC Canada.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Fort Collins and visit all three of these forests whenever I have an opportunity. I love getting away to the western slope area.

What do you like to do on these forests?

I ski, hike, bike and camp.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I would like to see less motorized recreation and roads.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

I would like to see less motorized recreation and roads.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

Eventually I hope to move west to be closer to these forests.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

What do you like to do on these forests?

Ski, hike, biking

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I'd like to see more preservation of views/scenery, more solitude.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

What do you like to do on these forests?

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live out of Dolores and visit the Uncompahgre multiple times a year, Grand Mesa and Gunnison usually at least once per year.

What do you like to do on these forests?

Seek and observe wildlife, hunt, hike, horseback ride, camp, ATV, and mountain bike.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I'd like to see more mtn bike specific trails to ease congestion and conflict with traditional users. Healthy wildlife populations, scenery, and solitude are most important to me.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

I'm getting increasingly concerned about heavy mountain bike traffic on traditional hiking trails. Uncompahgre NF has a pretty balanced and multi-use trail system but hikers and horseback user running in to increasing mtn bike traffic is becoming an issue in most Colo forests now. My opinion is we need to consider parallel trail systems to allow hiking and horse traffic to continue with their traditional ways and allow mtn bikers better experiences and flow.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

Although I myself enjoy mtn biking, I'm becoming increasingly concerned about conflicts happening with the vastly increasing volume of bikers trying to be courteous to other trail users but often challenged in doing so. The velocity and noise also creates issues for those who experience the forest for other reasons and also disturbs wildlife. My suggestion is for more mtn bike specific trails that take in to consideration sensitive areas but also allow for the challenge and fun they are seeking in their sport. I am in complete opposition to wilderness and sensitive areas being opened to bike and/or other mechanically aided transportation believing we have ample other public lands that such multi-use activities can be practiced on. .

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

What do you like to do on these forests?

Hike and Ski

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I always like to see forests kept as untouched as possible. The less is more, but if people are going to one area a bunch and causing issues by not staying on trails. Then I would rather see trails put in.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

More monitoring. I have seen people do too much stuff that is against the rules. I would like to see more of a presence by the forest service.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Boulder and make trips to these amazing areas a few times per year. I am constantly exploring all Colorado has to offer.

What do you like to do on these forests?

Venture to Uncompahgre for skiing, ice climbing and mountaineering. I hunt for boulders in Gunnison and look for biking options around Grand Mesa.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

My main concern is sustainability and access which requires a constant balance. As areas become popular then need resources to develop good trail and trail heads. Keeping some areas difficult to get to helps control traffic and maintain the solitude of these areas.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Balancing the different users and user experiences needs careful planning. Motorized vehicles have detracted including noise and trail destruction, but there is also a user base that wants to be able to enjoy their hobby just as I enjoy fly fishing along a quiet mountain creek.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

Please ensure we are working with the local communities so they can benefit from expanded access and opportunity to these forests. Salida and Fruita have embraced mountain biking and have profited from it. Buena Vista has done some amazing work to attract water sports and set themselves up as a base camp for accessing the collegiades. Ouray is an annual trip for me for ice climbing. Working with these towns will ensure these areas are well cared for by visitors and residents alike.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Boulder but visit Grand Mesa, Gunnison, and Uncompahgre forests for recreation.

What do you like to do on these forests?

I love to ski and hike.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Limits motorized vehicles and dirt bikes.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Gunnison

What do you like to do on these forests?

Hunt, Hike, fish, ski.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Like to see more solitude less Mt Bikes.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

To many trails taken over by Mt Bikes. Difficult to have a peaceful hiking experience while alwYs needing to get off trail so bikers can pass.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

I do not want Mt Bikes in wilderness areas. Last few areas we hunters and hikers have that is enjoyable as someone on foot!

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Gunnison Natl Forest, right over the divide from our home near Buena Vista.

What do you like to do on these forests?

Hiking and some slow-mo jeep driving. We go there for the solitude and natural condition and beauty. We also downhill ski at Monarch Ski Area.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Fewer OHVs!!! We do not take many of the backcountry Natl Forest routes anymore because they are filled with speeding noisy OHVs that force us off the road and leave us in a cloud of dust. We'd like more solitude; we find great pleasure and solace in the gorgeous scenery.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

TOO MANY ATVs and dirt bike motorcycles. TOO MUCH NOISE!!!! ATV balloon tires have worn the soil and gravel off the rocks in the backcountry roads, making them a mass of jagged small rock ñ way to sharp and rough for jeep tires and an unpleasant experience. Too much speeding and thrill riding by dirt bikes and ATVs. Are our forest routes motorized thrill playgrounds or natural outdoor experiences? Let's orient our National Forests to natural experiences.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

The Natl Forests' wonderful natural outdoor recreation is a huge boost to our quality of life.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

What do you like to do on these forests?

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Durango and frequent the Uncompahgre NF

What do you like to do on these forests?

I ski, climb, hike and backpack in these forests

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I greatly enjoy the quietness of these forests. I would like to see more toilet facilities at trailheads.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

I do not support increased motorized use. The noise is a nuisance and disturbs the atmosphere. Motorized vehicles also contribute to erosion

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

We live in Lyons, CO. We visit the the Gunnison and Uncompahgre forests more often than the Grand Mesa, but we visit all of them when possible.

What do you like to do on these forests?

We hike, camp, ski, snowshoe, winter camp, and mountain bike.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

We would like to see better trail markings at times in order to prevent new, unsanctioned trails being formed by those who are lost. Yes, we understand that this request may go against some views of wilderness. But we look at it from a forest management aspect and protecting what we want to remain pristine. Scenery is in the eye of the beholder, and varied terrain is vital. Places where horses are allowed often seem the most worn or destroyed, and we fail to understand why equine visitors are not required to use waste bags for their horses. Humans and dogs must pack it out or dispose of their waste properly, so why shouldn't horses be held to the same standard? Horse waste along trail systems encourages trail widening and is simply unpleasant.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Waste management seems to be becoming more of an issue along many trails. Either people don't care and/or are not educated on Leave No Trace principles.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Durango, CO and so visit the forests more often in the SW part of the state. But we have a family cabin in the Gunnison area so spend quite a bit of time in The Gunnison and Uncompahgre forests as well.

What do you like to do on these forests?

I love the remote nature of these forests. We are hikers. We value seeing the wilderness areas without motorized vehicles. We value the quiet and the wild animals that we see.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

We want more solitude and less noise. We hike on trails that are for hikers only- mountain bikes should have their own trails and not be allowed in Wilderness areas. I want to see less motor bikes, too. They are very intrusive to the whole experience of being out in the woods.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

The forests are being opened up to more uses that are destructive and to people that don't care about the natural beauty of the land and are trashing the forests. There should be limits on where and for how long people can camp. Limits on mountain biking and motorized vehicles. ATVs and motorcycles are especially destructive and should be banned from a lot of these areas.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

We don't want to see these areas ruined by development and a lack of oversight to keep them pristine.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Boulder Colorado

What do you like to do on these forests?

Hike

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Scenery matters a lot! Fewer motorized vehicles and more tent camping

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

We love visiting crested butte and the surrounding lands to get away from the crowded front range

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Live in boulder and visit the gunnison and grand mesa forests regularly.

What do you like to do on these forests?

Primarily to mountain bike.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

More trails is always a plus without sacrificing wildlife habitats or solitude. Scenery is important but does not necessarily define whether the experience is good or not.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

As population increases we need to build/open more trails to non-motorized pursuits like mountain biking while preserving access to existing motorized trails to motorized recreation as long as it is sustainable.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Aspen, so visit the White River National Forest most frequently. However, as a mountain biker who likes to travel and explore Colorado, I've visited many areas of the Grand Mesa, Gunnison & Uncompahgre over the past 19 years; many places I'd like to return to, and many places I still look forward to visiting!

What do you like to do on these forests?

My main focus is on enjoying trails on a mountain bike, but climbing Fourteeners, hiking, backpacking, backcountry skiing, and car camping in my Jeep keep me busy when not on the bike.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I'd like to see current mountain bike access maintained, and new access to high quality mountain bike trail experiences created where appropriate. Directional trails in particular increase quality of user experience while reducing conflict on trails when visitation to a particular area increases.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Please provide for winter mountain bike / fat bike access where grooming and foot packed trails already exist, and allow for new grooming permits for winter fat bike trails where most appropriate.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Telluride, Colorado. I visit all 3 of these forests, but Uncompahgre the most.

What do you like to do on these forests?

Mountain bike, hike, dirt bike, camp, fish, ski, cross country ski, mountain climb, hunt, kayak, raft, SUP

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Scenery matters, I mostly want to see no mining, no oil and gas. More trails are great! More camping is always good. I am fine with trails being designated for use, but don't want to see dirt bikes removed from where they are already allowed.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

I think mostly this is a people problem, the most problems I see are people who don't clean up camp sites etc. Let's protect everything we can from outside business influence, excepting guiding companies.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

These outdoor areas are critical to my health, my life and why I live in Colorado, the best state. Let's make sure they are available to all and kept as wild as possible.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

What do you like to do on these forests?

Climb hike and ski

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

More solitude. Scenery is of paramount importance

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Colorado and regularly visit the Grand Mesa and Gunnison areas, utilizing the Natural Forests in these areas.

What do you like to do on these forests?

We ski, hike, camp, and 4-wheel in these areas. My son hikes and fishes, on his own as a young adult...enjoying nature as a great escape from the difficulties of being a young, single guy trying to make life work. These areas offer a much needed respite for people like him (us).

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

The scenery is why we visit these areas. The ability to let go of our busy, "city" existences, and get back to / right with nature is what makes these places so very special.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

We struggle most with dog owners that don't leash or monitor their pets and mountain bikers who are inconsiderate of hikers and campers. I have no idea how these two things could be improved, but there are times that we have shortened our visit due to inconsiderate bikers/dog owners.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

I currently live in Lakewood, CO, but my son lives in Grand Junction. We will be moving to Grand Junction within the next 3 years in order to be closer to my son and the outdoors spots we share with him when we visit. Having these places to visit and build memories in has made him living far from home more bearable.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Creede, and regularly enjoy the Rio Grande National Forest. Last year I was a proud SJMA volunteer serving visitors in the Divide District information center in Creede. When exploring the State of Colorado, I try to visit as many forests as possible, as I am so grateful for Colorado public lands. Three years ago, I moved to Colorado from New York City, and even before I moved, I bought a ticket for a cross-country ski clinic on the rim of the Black Canyon. I hope to return to camp in that little 13-spot campground on the North Rim. After the Black Canyon, I camped in various spots in the Gunnison National Forest. This summer I plan to visit the Grand Mesa national forest.

What do you like to do on these forests?

I like solitude, quietude, and listening to the forest and its inhabitants. I like quiet, low-impact human-powered activities while exercising LNT principles, primarily: Flower-spotting Wildlife viewing (from a distance) Hiking Non-motorized boating Tent camping Snowshoeing After years of living in New York City, my physical and mental health has benefitted enormously from exposure to the singular experience of national forest lands.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I think that allowing increased use of the forests as an outdoor gymóespecially with motorized vehicles, and noisy activitiesóis a _very bad_ idea. The impacts from vehicular traffics are lasting upon the landscape and upon wildlife movements. Even quiet recreation has been shown to have damaging effects on songbirds. I would like to see more educational programs developed and implemented to teach people, including children, about the value of forests as living laboratories, as essential tracts of land free of man-made structures, and as ecosystems whose natural rhythms support us human beings. I'm aware that 88% of our water comes from our national forests. I'm also aware that our forests provide homes and migration corridors for the real celebrities of the United Statesóamong them squirrels, snakes, rabbits, lynx, bobcats, elk, deer, foxes, coyotes, wolves, moose, pelicans, eagles, owls, hawks, bluebirds, jays, and my personal kindred spirits, bears.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

When forest managers offer public commenting periods, the periods should be announced as soon as possible, and efforts should be made to publicize the periods in the local media as widely as possible. Quiet, low-impact recreational use must be given more serious attention. Forests are not rack tracks. Wildlife viewing must be taken more seriously. Bicycles must be understood as vehicles whose drivers are, more often than not, reckless toward other trail users and dismissive of impacts that bicycle riding has upon wild animals. The appeal of dark skies should be taken seriously ó astro tourism is an appealing kind of tourism, and it honors the natural beauty of this rare "resource."

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

The state of Colorado's national forests will influence whether I decide to settle permanently in this state. I hope that the USFS continues to be stewards of these lands for the benefit of future generations. Sometimes I think of our forests as a giant bank account. If too much is taken from them, bankruptcy looms.

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Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests
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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Grand Mesa, Gunnison

What do you like to do on these forests?

Mountain bike, camp, hike

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Campsites, mountain bike trails

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Too few camping opportunities- very tough to find something on a weekend

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

Keep up the good work, I know it's tough with budgets and staffing what they are!

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Glenwood Springs and frequently visit the Grand Mesa and Gunnison national forests. Occasionally I make visits to the Uncompahgre area as well.

What do you like to do on these forests?

My activities include hiking, camping, hunting and fishing.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I frequently carry out more than I pack in so I would like to see more education for the public to remove their little, clean up camp sites and learn how to deal/dispose of their personal waste.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Uncompahgre and Gunnison with some time in Grand Meaa

What do you like to do on these forests?

Hike, bike, climb, camp, mountaineering, ski

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Scenery is always appreciated! Would appreciate more access points but we're ok without trails.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

However, for existing trails I think signage needs to be better implemented. SAR seems to get a lot of lost hiker calls from established terrain.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

We chose to live in this area due to its proximity to the natural world, National forests, wilderness areas and the availability of outdoor recreation. We would be very frustrated if any of those options were decreased.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Salida and I visit all three forest.

What do you like to do on these forests?

I ski hike and camp. Fish the 12 something lakes for trout.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I would like to see more solitude!! Less motor vehicles in the forest. Scenery is very important!

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Motor vehicles going every where. Not following the rules of the forest!

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

I live here so I can get some beauty and quiet! Lately I have run into more chewed up trails and noise! As Colorado grows so will the force of the four wheelers push to go where ever they want!

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Telluride. I use all of the forests in the area for a variety of reasons.

What do you like to do on these forests?

I hike and mountain bike in the summers and fall in Gunnison and Uncompahgre areas. I love to head to Grand Mesa to cross country ski in the winter-time. I also enjoy back country skiing when conditions are favorable.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

I would like to see designated hunting areas well defined by boundary and time frame of use.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

I love and cherish the outdoors for recreational and solitude purposes. I love that I can be out of doors and readily be in nature, close to where animals are wild and motor vehicles in frequent. These forests are a MAJOR factor when people are choosing to visit Colorado. The river rafting, biking, skiing, hiking, wildlife viewing all depend on having healthy and secure forests. We as residents of Colorado have the opportunity and the responsibility to take care of the forests. They offer a livelihood for many and a boon to our local economies, as well as offering an example of how multi-use (hunters, recreationalists, tourists, and wild animals) of our forests can benefit everyone.

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Colorado Springs. Gunnison

What do you like to do on these forests?

Mountain Bike

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Trails. Technical trails for expert level mountain bikers.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Motos are Tearing up many trails. Double top for example.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Flagstaff, AZ; Uncompahgre NF

What do you like to do on these forests?

Backpacking, hiking, camping.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

More wildlife protection. More solitude. Less human footprints.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Erie CO but I have spent much time in the uncompahgre and gunnison National forests since 1972.

What do you like to do on these forests?

I have pioneered many important first ascent in the Black Canyon and the north faces of the Wetterhorn, Half Peak and the first ski descent of the northwest couloir of my Sneffels which I wrote about in Backpacker Magazine, I also made the first ascent of Bridalveil Falls in Telluride in 1974 and the first solo ascent of Bridalveil in 1978 which was the subject of a cover story in Sports Illustrated in 1978. I also made the first ascent of the mixed climb, called Octopussy in Vail in 1994 which was a feature article in that year's American Alpine Journal and also featured in English, German, Spanish, Dutch, Italian, Korean and Japanese major publications. My wife at the time, Teri Ebel and I started the Ouray Ice Climbing Festival and International Competition in 1996. I have made at least 1,000 other climbs and first ascents throughout Colorado, the entire US as well as Peru, the UK, France, Pakistan, the Pamirs and Nepal. I have received the highest recognition for climbing, literature film making and environmental work in Utah, Colorado, Climbing Outside, Rock & Ice Magazines in the US and many in European Asian and Greek countries. In 2017 I was awarded the Piolet d'Or in Grenoble France. In 2004 I founded The Jeff Lowe Mountain Foundation to promote climbing, secure access and preserve the mountains and wilderness. I list this overly long summary not to boast but to establish my bona fides as a spokesperson with a platform that may be used to promote the National Forest System in responsible ways, which I would like to do if the Forest Service makes policies consistent end with my philosophy. I have suffered from a progressive neurodegenerative condition similar to ALS since 2000 and confined to a wheelchair since 2010., so I bring that awareness to the issue of Forest Service Management Policy as well. Mt Sneffels,

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Disability access to trails, responsible and safe access to climbers consistent with the values of solitude and preservation.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

The ban prohibiting electric wheelchairs for truly disabled folks n major trails.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

See above...

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

Telluride. Uncompahgre most frequently

What do you like to do on these forests?

Rock Climb Hike

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Solitude is important. Scenery matters a lot

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

Enjoy GMUG and love the secluded/remote wilderness!

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Re: GMUG Forest Plan Revision Scoping Comments

Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I have lived in Breckenridge for 30 years. We spend about two months every year traveling, but 70 percent of it is in Colorado. I know all of these NF very well.

What do you like to do on these forests?

I am a backcountry skier, a mountain biker and a hiker.

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

My biggest concern is the lack of non-motorized singletrack for mountain bikes, especially in the southeastern section of the Gunnison National Forest. I know Crested Butte has some, but the rest of the Gunnison NF is heavily motorized singletrack. In particular, I would like to see more of the CT and the CDT opened to mountain bikes, especially the new section being built in Lujan Pass. This section is within a motorized prescription but the current plan is to not open this to bikes. But please, the conflicts on this section are minimal. It will never see heavy traffic since there aren't any big towns nearby. If conflicts between user groups is the main concern, then please take steps to manage and educate user groups. Mountain Bikers could use a sign on the trail (and not on the kiosk) asking them to stop for other user groups (and not yield, since this isn't working.) Horseman need to push their poop off trails or have the horses wear poop bags. Hikers, horses need to also learn to stay off wet trails. And if there really is a concern about bikes on this Lujan section then maybe only open it to bikes 3 or 4 days of the week. This trail really doesn't deserve to be closed to bikes. Please tell me why if this is the case. It sees such light use as it is! Backcountry Skiing - this user group is growing. Please look into more winter parking pulloffs allowed on roads and highways. Please evaluate your commercial permitting and keep track of the numbers since right now we are seeing popular areas being crowded with avalanche classes and commercial guiding. Please consider that backcountry skiers need terrain close to where they park, and these are the areas that should be closed to snow machines since they are able to get deeper into the backcountry.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

I get very frustrated with the lack of managing user groups in the national forest. It is time for the USFS to accept the fact that recreation is their number 1 impact and economic driver.

Why aren't there more signs on staying off of muddy trails? Or horse poop? Or staying on the trail? Or alternatives to high altitude trails for visitors wanting to hike in late May (and trashing the trails as they go from one muddy patch to another trying to avoid snow.) Please re-think the yield sign with mountain bikes. Yield isn't working and is the main reason we have tensions between us and hikers/horseman. One mountain bikers definition of yield is not usually the same as that hiker or horseperson or another biker. Stop is something we can all understand. Downhill traffic must stop. Bikers must stop for oncoming hikers an horses.... I also think you need a better way of messaging. Posting all the rules at a kiosk just isn't working. I like what I've seen in Fruita, where they will post a one sentence sign along the singletrack (Don't skid....or don't ride off trail etc). You can guarantee that with a sign every now and then along a trail it is much more likely to be read than one at the parking trailhead.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?

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Where do you live and which forests do you visit most frequently?

I live in Longmont, CO and I go to Grand Mesa and Gunnison twice a year.

What do you like to do on these forests?

Hike and camp

What would you like to see more of/less of in the forests? How much does scenery matter in your experiences?

Scenery and solitude are extremely important.

What isn't working or needs to be changed in the forests?

Better parking.

Anything else you want to share? Has living close to the GMUG affected where you choose to live, your work, or your family?