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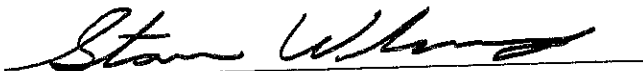
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Chad Stewart, Brittany Duffy, and GMUG Wilderness/Wild and Scenic Evaluation Team:

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the *DRAFT Wild and Scenic River Eligibility Evaluation* as part of the ongoing GMUG Forest Plan Revision process. In that document, no Hinsdale County waterways were identified as Eligible and we agree with that finding. Hinsdale County is 96% public land encompassing three National Forests one Bureau of Land Management field office. Of that public land, 48% is currently Wilderness or Wilderness Study Areas so we would be hesitant to support additional designations within our County.

We work closely with our regional public land management agencies. We support multiple-use management strategies and value our relationship as a Cooperating County as we work as forest stewards together. Thank you for all your efforts in this process and all your work on behalf of our public lands.

Respectfully,
Hinsdale County Board of Commissioners


Stan Whinnery, Chairman