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Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests  
Attn: Samantha Staley  
2250 South Main Street  
Delta, CO 81416

Re: Extension Request GMUG Forest Plan Revision- Preliminary Draft Plan

Dear Ms. Staley:

On behalf of Mesa County, I respectfully request that the Forest Service consider at least a forty-five (45) day comment period for review of the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, Gunnison National Forest ("GMUG") Preliminary Draft Plan.

Given the dates of the public open houses scheduled by the Forest Service, we find the thirty days proposed to be an inadequate time for thorough review of the draft plan, attendance of the open houses for dialogue with the Forest Service staff and completion of comments, not only for Mesa County but also for our citizenry. A longer comment period will allow more thoughtful comments from all stakeholders in this important planning process.

We appreciate the opportunity to participate in the GMUG Forest Plan revision and look forward to continued coordination and cooperation with the Forest Service.

Sincerely,

Peter Baier,

Mesa County Deputy Administrator of Operations/ Public Works

cc: Mesa County Board of County Commissioners  
Frank Whidden, Mesa County Administrator  
Patrick Coleman, Mesa County Attorney