

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests
Forest Plan Revision – Feedback Form for the Working Draft of the Forest Plan – Summer 2019

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So that we may contact you if needed to better understand your feedback, please indicate your:

Organization (if applicable): _____ E-Mail (preferred): _____ Phone (optional): _____

Thank you for participating in the forest plan revision process, your input is important to us. You will have many additional opportunities to share your feedback, and we hope you'll stay involved throughout the process. If you need more space, please feel free to attach additional pages. Your feedback will be most helpful if received by **July 29**, and can be sent via: Online comment tool: http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/gmug/forestplan_comments
Email: gmugforestplan@fs.fed.us Postal Mail: 2250 South Main St., Delta, CO 81416

What works in the working draft plan direction? What needs improvement? Please include specific plan component codes if possible (e.g. FW-DC-AQ-02).

please make roadless areas into Wilderness Study Areas (or designated wilderness!)

Is your feedback about a specific *mapped* part of the working draft? If so, which? Please circle all that apply:

- Management Areas (MA)
- Scenic Integrity Objectives (SIOs)
- Recreation Settings (ROS) – Summer, Winter
- Suitable Timber

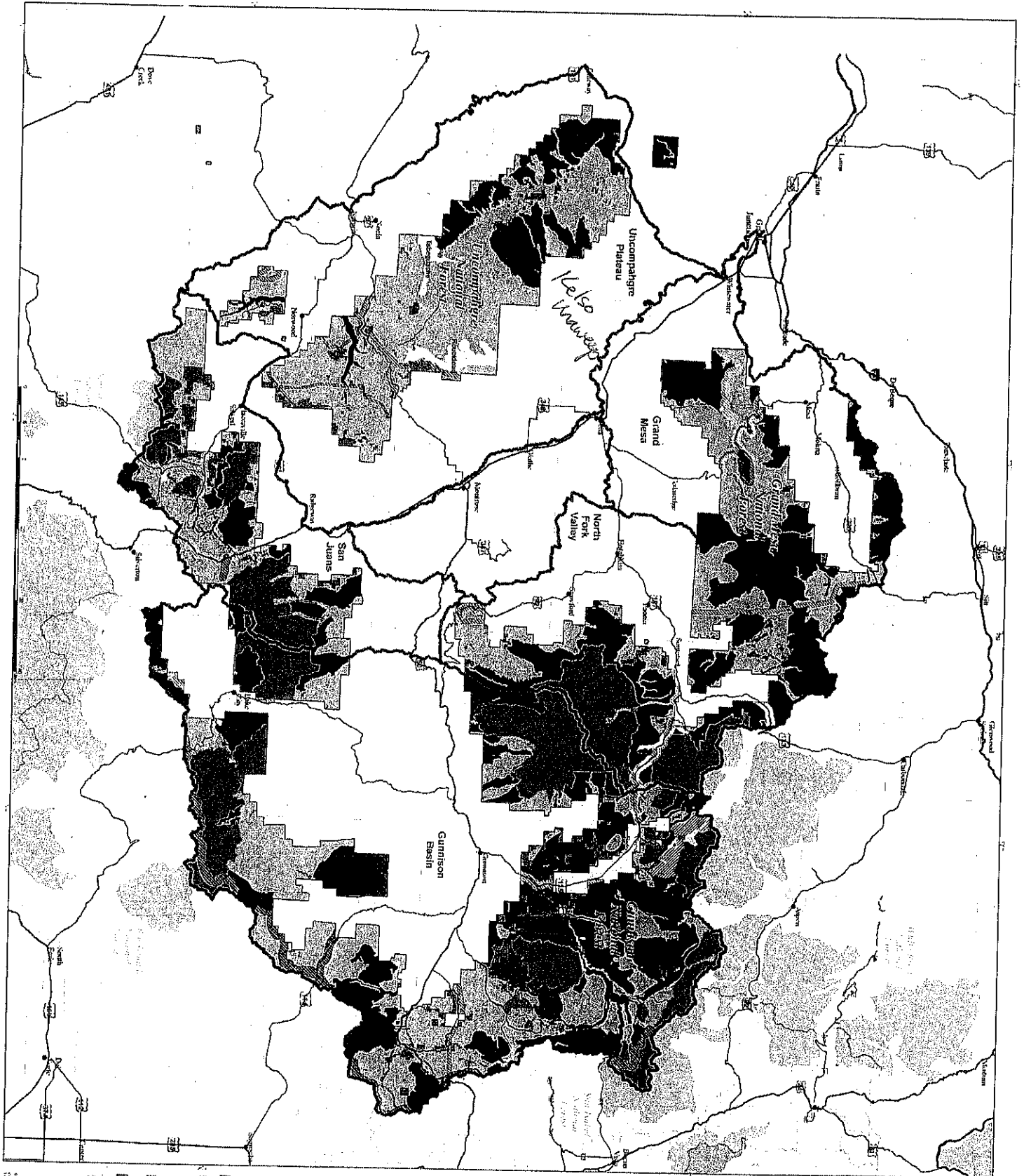
Is your feedback about a specific area(s)? If so, where? (Please also draw this on the map on the back of this form).

How does the working draft categorize the area you're referring to? (e.g. MA category, ROS setting, etc.)

If you would, how would you re-categorize the area you're referring to, and why? What other feedback do you have about future management there?

Note: All feedback will become part of the public record.

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Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests Forest Plan Revision Working Draft - Management Areas



- Proposed Management Areas**
- Non-FS Land
 - 1.1 - Designated Wilderness
 - 1.2 - Area to be Analyzed as Wilderness
 - 1.3 - Barraguard and Roundeau Designated Areas
 - 2.1 - Special Interest Area
 - 2.2 - Research Natural Area
 - 2.3 - Fossil Ridge Special Recreation Area
 - 3.1 - CO Roadless Area
 - 3.2 - Wildlife Management Area
 - 4.1 - Mountain Resort
 - 4.2 - High-Use Recreation Area
 - 5 - General Forest
 - Overlap with MA 3.1 CO Roadless Areas
 - Geographic Area
 - Designated Trail Management Overlay
 - Scenic Byway Management Overlay
 - Utility Corridor Management Overlay
 - Forest Boundary
 - Adjacent Forest Boundary
 - Wilderness

Map scale: 1 inch = 10 miles. Date of map: 6/17/19. Prepared by: [unreadable].

22 July 2019

Dear GMUG Nat'l Forests Plan Revisors,

My name is Merdee Shields, from Grand Junction, Co. I am an avid hiker/backpacker and also a camp cook so I use the Forest regularly! Over the last seventeen years I have spent much time in the whole GMUG system. Five years I spent on Mesa County Search and Rescue Ground Team.

I support the Community Conservation Proposal and would like to see the highest level of protection applied to our common estate.

I would like to see the Kelso Creek/Mesa roadless area become a WSA, any and all roadless areas for that matter could become WSAs.

I am 57 years old and have seen firsthand the increase of people in the backcountry. I say, if usage is increasing, hadn't we better set some land aside so it doesn't get pummeled?

No one will ever criticize us for protecting too much wilderness!

The fact that these forests supply our drinking water is another great reason to protect.

Thank you for allowing me to
comment.

Sincerely and with hope,

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