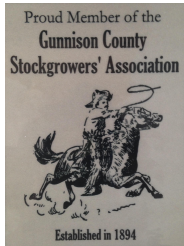


Gunnison Public Lands Initiative



GMUG National Forest
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Dear GMUG Planning Team,

The Gunnison Public Lands Initiative (GPLI) appreciates the opportunity to participate in the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forest (GMUG) plan revision process and to share our efforts to develop a collaboratively-developed and broadly-supported vision for managing key National Forest and BLM lands in Gunnison County for recreation, wildlife, water, grazing, wilderness, and other multiple uses. We thank the GMUG planning team and local district offices for your communication and engagement with us through the planning process thus far.

The GPLI submits the attached January 2019 revised report and shape file to update the initial materials submitted to the GMUG planning team on November 3, 2017. The revised report summarizes the GPLI's proposal for new wilderness and special management areas (SMAs) for key Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management lands in Gunnison County. It is the culmination of work that has occurred in the county since 2012 to understand on-the-ground uses of public lands and extensive collaboration to develop a consensus-based proposal that will help protect important community and national values.

Since the public release of the GPLI's initial proposal in June of 2017, the GPLI has engaged the community in a robust dialogue about what the proposal means for the future of public lands in Gunnison County. Through that outreach, the GPLI met with hundreds of people, local and regional government entities, and numerous community groups. The feedback from individuals, stakeholder groups and community members in

and around the Gunnison Basin was extremely supportive of the GPLI's consensus proposal. At the same time, members of the community had some specific concerns with particular parts of the initial proposal. As a result of that feedback, the GPLI worked to refine the initial recommendations, including by adjusting boundaries and in some circumstances changing land designation recommendations. The GPLI's revised report includes consensus recommendations for 452,221 acres of federal public lands, as described in the attached report and shapefile.

Thank you for considering our proposal in the forest plan revision process. We look forward to continuing this discussion. The GPLI continues to meet regularly to address a number of "areas in discussion" that require additional information and call for broader outreach to neighboring communities. As we do so, we will continue to update the GMUG's dedicated staff.

With appreciation,

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Maddie Rehn
GPLI Project Coordinator