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Your Background and Interest in the GMUG:

CB resident since 12/1988. Worked NPS, BLM, NFS and RMBL using degree in Environmental Studies (UCSC, 1987, BA). This region is my habitat of choice as an adult. I understand many ^{land} use approaches, differences, strengths + weaknesses.

Issue #1:

Wildlife of all species that are present in GMUG indicate the health of our overall bioregion. Wilderness designation is a must in the West EKS to eventually connect with these areas already in the San Juans. Think Greater Yellowstone Ecosystem (GYE)!

Issue #2:

Watershed protection ~~is~~ is a top priority for GMUG with ALL eleven streams included. Conservation watershed networks are a good plan. There must be standards in place that prohibit clear-cutting, mining, storage of fuels & any toxic chemicals and ~~also~~ avoidance ~~of~~ "ditching, damming, dewatering (and) flooding" of any kind of wetlands.

Issue #3:

The overall plan / working Draft needs some fine-tuning on many points: wildlife management must be scrutinized in terms of interactions between species as well as being site-specific (i.e. mtn. ranges, valleys, riparian + migration corridors).

Issue #4:

Hunting and Fishing areas, specifically the Upper North Fork/Upper Muddy Creek AND Cochetopa Hills areas must be designated as Wildlife Management Areas.

Issue #5:

I thank the USFS for the proposed Wildlife Management Area ~~the~~ scheme for GMUG. Lower route density is needed in these areas. The standard should state that, existing densities, where below whatever density standard is adopted, shall not be increased.

Issue #6:

Recreation is an important reason for a comprehensive and detailed plan. Our rivers are needed in ~~a~~ pristine condition since there are so many headwaters in GMUG. I am a swimmer and still enjoy discovering new swimming holes after 31 years. Boating, tubing, fishing as well as camping, backpacking, birding and wildlife viewing can and should continue, and are low-impact.

Issue #7:

Issue #8: