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RE: My comments on the GMUG Forest Plan Revision Working Draft

Dear Dear GMUG Forest Plan Revision Team,

I have the following comments related to the Working Draft of the GMUG Forest Plan Revision:

- My biggest concern is that there is no land in Gunnison Co recommended for wilderness in the Working Draft. Have you been to Little Pass Creek off of Ohio Pass? This is a treasure that I had a chance to hike to yesterday. It takes you to a beautiful meadow with the backdrop of the Castles.

- Timber harvest - this should be restricted in areas where lynx live. Overall, this makes me very sad as I hike weekly off Kebler and Ohio Passes and always passing other hikers. Why is it that timber harvesting has increased since the 1991 plan? I feel that this is political and not in the best interest of protecting the lands.

- Add guidelines to make it mandatory that wildlife is protected during the winter and on birthing grounds. Visitors and residents treasure our wildlife.

- Lastly the guidelines for protecting Gunnison Sage-grouse need to be mandatory and not voluntary.

Thanks you for considering my comments.

Regards,
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