

Amanda Clements

To: GMUG Planning Team
re Bear Creek Proposed Wilderness Addition

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As an avid outdoors person, I support the Community Conservation Proposal in its entirety & the Amphitheater Polygon, from where I am now seated. My concerns are that this area be conserved and protected from development, and deleterious land uses. I feel strongly that the values here of spectacular geology, untouched limber pine stands, aspen woodland and alpine vegetation, free-flowing streams, and excellent POTENTIAL for an expanded, more sustainably populated mountain sheep range far outweigh potential & current development values for the American public. There are an abundance of ecosystem services also provided in their highest form when this remains undeveloped. These including #1 Carbon sequestration #2 refugia habitat for organisms moving due to climate change, #3 corridor habitat to facilitate plant & animal movement, #4 water capture, infiltration filtration, #5 Air filtration, #6 pollinator habitat, #7 Outstanding solitude & nature recreation opportunities.

Please phase out domestic sheep use as well, to promote maximizing these ecosystem & habitat values.

Sincerely,

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