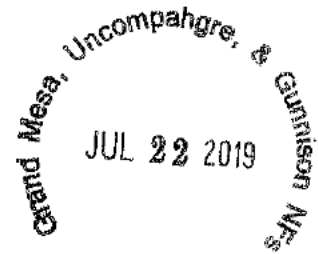


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Comments on GMUG Forest Plan Revision

Diversity – how to protect diversity in lands of many uses, particularly with the corporate pressures of today.

My vote goes to protecting and creating significant connecting wildlife corridors, to help protect a diversity of species. Leaving large areas of land alone, with no human intervention, is very important.

Extractive Industries have a loud voice with lots of financial and political backing making it difficult for the forest service to balance competing interests.

I recognize the pressures from the extractive industries, but we have so much infrastructure now, lots of idle wells, we don't need to tear up new areas now. Designating areas for extractive uses was part of the original plan for forests, and we need to define and confine those areas, but we don't need to open it up now as a way to lay claim to it. Do not allow these areas to be opened up until there is truly a need for extraction and harvest.

Recreational use is rapidly overrunning natural areas. Recreational areas need to be defined and their use needs to be controlled.

While it is great for people to get out and enjoy forests, this fuel based mechanized approach is getting out of hand. There is an aggressive sense of entitlement to motorized use of land. It's fun but polluting and it needs to be restricted to certain areas – and enforced. How the forest service will get the money and staff to enforce it I don't know.

I appreciate your efforts in trying to balance out competing interests. I have to weigh in on the side of protecting natural areas, to protect species diversity in our forests.

Thank You.
Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Terry Keane".

Terry Keane

