

Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests

Attn: Plan Revision Team

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I am writing in Support of the GMUG Community Conservation Proposal with some additional comments. I support the new wilderness areas, but wish that there were more wilderness areas included.

Drones must be banned from wilderness areas. It is not clear how roadless areas will be protected in Wildlife Management Areas. There should be no new trail development in the Flattops Wildlife Management Area and roadless areas must be protected as required by the Colorado Roadless Rule.

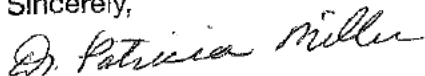
Degraded recreational areas must be protected to allow them to recover. Active management is needed in around Crested Butts, Taylor Peak, and at all campsites within riparian management zones.

Grazing permits should insure that domestic sheep are separated from bighorn sheep habituate to reduct the transfer of disease to bighorns.

There needs to be more focus on the effects of climate change on grazing and on changes in ranges and the need for corridors to facilitate adaptive movement of animal and plant species.

I appreciate all of the good work that has gone into the GMUG Working Draft and hope you will address theses and other suggestions in the Community Conservation Proposal.

Sincerely,



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