



November 23, 2021

Re: Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison Forest Plan Revision #51806

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the revision to the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison (GMUG) Forest Plan. We are a grassroots coalition of Coloradans who believe that our rivers are some of the most important assets on the GMUG National Forests. To date, more than 120 Coloradans who support our mission to protect our state's water resources have submitted public comments encouraging you to make all free-flowing rivers with outstandingly remarkable values eligible for Wild & Scenic protections as part of this forest plan revision.

These Coloradans have cited a variety of outstandingly remarkable values for you to consider, including the popular outdoor recreation opportunities these waters sustain, the function they serve as critical climate change refuges, their utility as vital scientific research areas, the habitat they provide for important species, the gorgeous scenery they feature, and their status as unique and irreplaceable cultural and historic resources.

As you have probably observed, many of these Coloradans referenced in their submissions their support for Wild & Scenic protections for all river, creek, and stream segments described on our coalition website at <https://ourcowaters.org/gmug/>. For the record, below are the specific eligibility determinations that our coalition believes are warranted and that our website cites:

We support findings of Wild & Scenic eligibility for all the stream segments included in the draft eligibility evaluation, including:

- Oh-be-joyful Creek and tributaries
- West Elk Creek
- West Soap Creek
- Copper Creek and tributaries
- Cow Creek and tributaries
- Roubideau Creek and tributaries
- Tabeguache Creek and North Fork
- San Miguel River
- North Fork Escalante and Kelso

We support finding the following streams eligible, which were previously found eligible but are not in this draft plan:

- Taylor River
- Slate River
- Daisy Creek
- East River
- Escalante Creek
- Bear Creek
- Bridal Veil Creek (Falls)
- Ingram Falls

We support the inclusion of the following additional reaches that were excluded from the Draft GMUG Forest Plan:

- Monitor Creek
- Potter Creek
- Cottonwood Creek
- Beaver Creek
- Horsefly Creek
- Upper Brush Creek and West Brush Creek Tributary
- Cement Creek
- Curecanti Creek
- Coal Creek
- Lamphier Lake
- Big Blue Creek and Slide Lake
- North Clear Creek
- Dry Fork of the Escalante
- Daisy Creek (through Poverty Gulch)
- Bear Creek (Ouray)
- Uncompahgre River

Below please find the name and city of residence of each of the Coloradans who submitted a comment in support of the designations referenced above. Thank you again for your consideration.

Larimer, Nora	Buena Vista
James, Lee	Salida
Zarlingo, Cathie	Grand Junction
Shisana, Shinanne	Crestone
Sampson, June	Grand Junction

Williams, David	Crawford
Levens, Geoffrey	Paonia
Gibson, Ann	Crested Butte
McMillen, Francesca	Grand Junction
Schloesser, Ben	Gunnison
Singleton, Jessie	Palisade
Barton, Jason	Grand Junction
Boeschstein, Bennett	Grand Junction
Colley, Diana	Grand Junction
Jordan, Happy	Grand Junction
Schellenbach, Jennifer	Fruita
Grogan, Annie	Montrose
Hvoslef, Erik	Salida
Brown, Connie	Montrose
Clark, Michelle	Grand Junction
Sir Jesse, Ulli	Ridgway
Ardizzone, Alan	Montrose
Murray, Dan	Buena Vista
Nadiak, Michael	Ridgway
Bernholtz, Alan	Crested Butte
Welty, Trudy	Crawford
Birmingham, Diane	Grand Junction
Effland, Philip	Gunnison
Abbott, Carolyn	Salida
Gurka, Janet	Grand Junction
Pulford, Bill	Montrose
Andrews, Mark	Montrose
Christian, Kathryn	Grand Junction
Detty, Sandra	Grand Junction
Ritchey, Jeanette	Montrose

Kimminau, James	Montrose
Cichanski, Jenna	Paonia
Hannah, Kay	Paonia
Silverman, Barbara	Cedaredge
Ainsworth, Kim	Cedaredge
Waggoner, Joe	Gunnison
Atkins, Millard	Grand Junction
Tauer, Eric	Salida
Gardner, Chris	Grand Junction
Esty, Rosemary	Ridgway
Thompson, Marilyn	Grand Junction
Felletter, Leigh	Grand Junction
Doemland, Erica	Telluride
Carroll, Jan	Gunnison
Myers, David	Montrose
Volinsky, George	Norwood
Blaine, Connie	Fruita
McBride, Mary	Montrose
Proteau, Arthur	Grand Junction
Heyerdahl, Lucia	Cedaredge
Lieurance, Francelia	Salida
Gordon, Nicole	Grand Junction
Burnett, Robert	Crested Butte
Proctor, Amy	Montrose
Browning, Adrienne	Placerville
Schwieterman, Marilyn	Paonia
Silverman, Richard	Telluride
Harvey, Doreen	Grand Junction
Marsh, Linda kay	Collbran
Normandin, James	Paonia

Richards, Peggy Sue	Telluride
Galbreth, S L	Montrose
Allen, Kinsey	Grand Junction
Keshet, Cedar	Paonia
Katen, Marie	Grand Junction
Earley-Moss, Scottie	Crested Butte
Dudley, Krista	Paonia
Felletter, Conor	Grand Junction
Steele, Richard	Ridgway
Koos, David	Cedaredge
LoBue, Ben	Grand Jct
Hamilton, Beth	Crested Butte
Cavallo, Mary Jane	Buena Vista
Mallard, Angela	Telluride
Lewis, Jody	Grand Junction
Coulter, Sara	Ridgway
Corrigan, Sheila	Cedaredge
Vrany, Lynn	Grand Junction
Campbell, James	Grand Junction
Kelly, Nancy Cook	Paonia
Ivers, Dana	Ridgway
King, Susan	Grand Junction
Taylor, Kenny	Dove Creek
Hawse, Angela	Ridgway
Hayes, Sharion	Clifton
von Helms, Holly	Montrose
Hayes, Joseph	Grand Junction
Stapenhorst, Ellen	Paonia
Bennett, Sarah	Crestone
Lewis, Babette	Montrose

Goebel, Lynn	Palisade
Jennings, Steve	Denver
Tyler, Daniel	Montrose
Dvorak, Bill	Nathrop
McCulloch, Stacey	Crestone
Landrith, Sharon	Crestone
Barton, C C	Denver
Harrison, Kenneth	Austin
Dandel, Cheryl	Gunnison
Gibas, Linda	Salida
Hayes, Joseph	Grand Junction
Fitzpatrick, Randall	Telluride
Ronai, Anne	Crested Butte
Crane, Cheryl	Gardner
Harris, Jim	Palisade
Houghton-Alico, Doann	Nathrop
Russell, Jenny	Telluride
Silver, Anne	Crestone
West, Don	Grand Junction
West, Maria	Grand Junction
Willmon, Sandra	Grand Junction
Salaz, Antonia	Grand Junction