**OBJECTION II – SPECIES OF CONSERVATION CONCERN**

USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Region

Attn: Reviewing Officer, C/O Director of Strategic Planning 2nd floor

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Via electronic submission form: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/goto/gmug/forestplan_objections>

or

<https://cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Public//CommentInput?Project=51806>

October 27, 2023

Dear Forest Service,

Pursuant to 36 CFR 219.50, Subpart B, the parties listed below object to the proposed approval of the revised forest plan for the Grand Meda-Uncompaghre-Gunnison (GMUG) National Forest. The responsible official is GMUG Forest Supervisor Chad Stewart.

The parties listed below have all participated previously in the process for revising the GMUG Forest Plan, and have submitted or endorsed comments submitted by various parties, including the comprehensive comments on the draft Plan and DEIS dated November 24, 2021 submitted on behalf of numerous conservation organizations (hereafter “Coalition comments”). More detailed identification of where objection issues were previously addressed is noted in more detail for each section in the attached document, Arguments in Support of Objection I. Deadline for submission of objections is October 30, therefore, this objection is timely.

This objection addresses issues with non-designation of species of conservation concern. GMUG Plan. A separate objection, addressing other issues on the GMG, will be submitted separately.

Rocky Smith shall be the lead objector, per 36 CFR 219.54(c)(3).

Sincerely,

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