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Comments: To Forest Management Plan Revision Team,

I know you are probably receiving a lot of asks regarding the GMUG National Forest revision plan and I wanted to thank you for the opportunity to voice my concerns about the project and for extending the deadline for submitting comments!

I work for a non-profit that focuses on protecting imperiled species and their most critical habitat, and I'm particularly concerned about Gunnison sage-grouse. I personally love that species wonderful mating dance, I'm concerned that there are only 5,000 left, and want to ensure that future generations have the opportunity to see it.

In that vein, I would ask that the plan include strong protections for at-risk species, including the Gunnison sage-grouse (as well as Colorado river cutthroat trout, kit fox, and white-tailed prairie dog).

I would also ask that the Forest Service consider recommending the areas recommended as Wilderness in the Conservation Community Alternative to Congress to protect these important areas for species in the region.

I would also request that the Forest Service avoid oil and gas leasing and development in places that would be harmful to critical habitat and imperiled species.

Thank you again for the opportunity and for taking great care of our public lands and the species that live there.

Attached is a picture of me wearing my Gunnison sage-grouse tank top.

Sincerely,

Chris Talbot-Heindl