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Comments: Overall, the plan provides very weak, and in some cases non-existent, direction for protection of important resources. More standards & requirements to protect the natural environment need to be in the plan.

- There are only 22,400 acres across the entire GMUG recommended for Wilderness! I highly encourage new wilderness areas beyond those of the original San Juan Mountains Wilderness Bill, including those in the Community Conservation Proposal and Gunnison Public Lands Initiative, to be established in the plan.
- Voluntary guidelines for protecting Gunnison Sage-grouse are weak and need to be mandated standards, especially for protecting leks, or breeding grounds.
- Under a proposed standard, timber harvest would be allowed in high-quality lynx habitat. Lynx habitat must be highly protected from disturbance to preserve and protect the longterm livelihood of this valuable high alpine species.
- Guidelines for protecting big game (deer, elk, bighorn sheep) on birthing grounds and winter range need to be mandatory.
- It appears that about 100,000 more acres would be suitable for timber cutting under this plan versus the 1991 amended plan. This means far more timber could be cut during the life of the new plan. This is not acceptable. Wild forest land is critical to survival of not only wildlife, but also human survival on this planet, and addressing the crisis of climate change. No more acres for timber cutting should be allowed.
- Increase detail on the establishment of conservation watershed networks to protect watersheds and sensitive species like trout and boreal toad, to ensure thoughtful and proactive protection of these species.
- Any new trails built for any purposes need to be single-person-width, with minimal disturbance to the surrounding forest. Trail routes and construction methods must be well-planned and communicated to the public.