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Comments: Dear Sam and Brittany,

Our crew of 10 hikers is lunching here in Bear Creek drainage after an extraordinary hike. We wish you were here with us!

Even though I hike this trail at least twice a year, I am still in awe of the scenic beauty, the quality habitat for bighorn sheep, elk, deer, and bear. The unique geology is yet another reason I support this polygon for wilderness recommendation. I also support Bear Creek as eligible for Wild and Scenic River given the pristine upper reaches of the Main and South Fork and the unique turquoise mineralized water of the South Fork.

As you know, Great Old Broads for Wilderness has been advocating for not only the Bear Creek polygon (your Amphitheater polygon) along with Hayden, Baldy, and Abram for recommendation for wilderness (Abram as SMA given its size) since our conservation coalition first submitted the Community Conservation proposal during the initial stages of the wilderness process (Chapter 70).

I thank you for recommending the Whitehouse addition to Mt. Sneffels Wilderness for wilderness designation, and urge to consider these other Ouray County landscapes in your draft Forest Plan/DEIS. Thank you as always for your consideration of my comments and for our ongoing collaboration.

Respectfully and gratefully,

Robyn Cascade