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Comments: Please make roadless areas into Wilderness Study areas (or designated wilderness!)

Dear GMUG Nat'l Forests Plan Revisors,

My name is Merilee Shields, from Grand Junction, CO. I am an avid hiker/backpacker and also camp cook so I use the Forest regularly! Over the last seventeen years, I have spent much time in the whole GMUG system. Five years I spent on Mesa County Search and Rescue Ground Team.

I support the Community Conservation Proposal and would like to see the highest level of protection applied to our common estate.

I would like to see the Kelso Creek/Mesa roadless area become a WSA, any and all roadless areas dor that matter could become WSAs.

I am 57 years old and have seen firsthand the increase of people in the backcountry. I say, if usage is increasing, hadn't we better set some land aside so it doesn't get pummeled?

No one will ever criticize us for protecting too much wilderness!

The fact that these forests supply our drinking water is another great reason to protect.

Thank you for allowing me to comment.

Sincerely and with hope,

Merilee Shields