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Manti-LaSal National Forest Supervisor's Office

RE: Manti-LaSal National Forest Plan Revision

Dear Supervisor.

In September of last year, the San Rafael Conservation District submitted comments to the Forest Plan Revision. Subsequently, several local conservation districts submitted comments supporting the San Rafael District's comments. The Sanpete County Farm Bureau also is in support of the San Rafael District's comments and we encourage you to include them into the Forest Plan Revisions and ask that you reinstate the issues referenced in those comments that were part of the March Draft but omitted in the September Draft.

The Manti-LaSal National Forest Plan Revision process has been on-going for several years and has included opportunities for the public to provide input including public input comment periods and open houses. The Farm Bureau has previously provided input as part of that process.

Public lands livestock grazing is an essential part of livestock production in Utah and is a critical part in many counties. Animal agriculture is a major segment of the Agricultural industry in the state and contributes billions of dollars to the state's economy. It is imperative that the Forest Service allow for the land under its supervision to be managed for livestock use and to acknowledge the benefits of proper livestock grazing. Many rural cities and towns rely heavily on the use of the Federal Lands including livestock use.

We appreciate the opportunity to provide additional comments and hope that you will consider these comments in the final plan. Thank you for your efforts to complete the Forest Plan Revision.

Sincerely,

Mike Hansen-President, Sanpete County Farm Bureau