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Comments: Attached please find the public comments submitted via email by more than 120 Coloradans, along with additional supporting information. Thank you.

[Copied from attachment "Our CO waters GMUG PDF for Submission.pdf"]

[Individuals' comments located in the attachment "Our CO Waters GMUG Submissions 11.23.21.xls" have been entered as individual comments in the database, in order for Forest Service staff to be able to confirm individuals' standing to object.]

November 23, 2021

Re: Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison Forest Plan Revision #51806

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input on the revision to the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison (GMUG) Forest Plan. We are a grassroots coalition of Coloradans who believe that our rivers are some of the most important assets on the GMUG National Forests. To date, more than 120 Coloradans who support our mission to protect our state's water resources have submitted public comments encouraging you to make all free-flowing rivers with outstandingly remarkable values eligible for Wild & Scenic protections as part of this forest plan revision.

These Coloradans have cited a variety of outstandingly remarkable values for you to consider, including the popular outdoor recreation opportunities these waters sustain, the function they serve as critical climate change refuges, their utility as vital scientific research areas, the habitat they provide for important species, the gorgeous scenery they feature, and their status as unique and irreplaceable cultural and historic resources.

As you have probably observed, many of these Coloradans referenced in their submissions their support for Wild & Scenic protections for all river, creek, and stream segments described on our coalition website at <https://ourcowaters.org/gmug/>. For the record, below are the specific eligibility determinations that our coalition believes are warranted and that our website cites:

We support findings of Wild & Scenic eligibility for all the stream segments included in the draft eligibility evaluation, including:

- * Oh-be-joyful Creek and tributaries
- * West Elk Creek
- * West Soap Creek
- * Copper Creek and tributaries
- * Cow Creek and tributaries
- * Roubideau Creek and tributaries
- * Tabeguache Creek and North Fork
- * San Miguel River
- * North Fork Escalante and Kelso

We support finding the following streams eligible, which were previously found eligible but are not in this draft plan:

- * Taylor River
- * Slate River
- * Daisy Creek
- * East River
- * Escalante Creek
- * Bear Creek
- * Bridal Veil Creek (Falls)
- * Ingram Falls

We support the inclusion of the following additional reaches that were excluded from the Draft GMUG Forest Plan:

- * Monitor Creek
- * Potter Creek
- * Cottonwood Creek
- * Beaver Creek
- * Horsefly Creek
- * Upper Brush Creek and West Brush Creek Tributary
- * Cement Creek
- * Curecanti Creek
- * Coal Creek
- * Lamphier Lake
- * Big Blue Creek and Slide Lake
- * North Clear Creek
- * Dry Fork of the Escalante
- * Daisy Creek (through Poverty Gulch)
- * Bear Creek (Ouray)
- * Uncompahgre River

Below please find the name and city of residence of each of the Coloradans who submitted a comment in support of the designations referenced above. Thank you again for your consideration.

Larimer, Nora Buena Vista

James, Lee Salida

Zarlingo, Cathie Grand Junction

Shisana, Shinanne Crestone

Sampson, June Grand Junction

Williams, David Crawford

Levens, Geoffrey Paonia

Gibson, Ann Crested Butte

McMillen, Francesca Grand Junction

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Barton, Jason Grand Junction Boeschenstein, Bennett Grand Junction Colley, Diana Grand Junction

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Grogan, Annie Montrose

Hvoslef, Erik Salida

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Cichanski, Jenna Paonia

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Silverman, Barbara Cedaredge

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Blaine, Connie Fruita

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Burnett, Robert Crested Butte

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Bennett, Sarah Crestone

Lewis, Babette Montrose

Goebel, Lynn Palisade

Jennings, Steve Denver

Tyler, Daniel Montrose

Dvorak, Bill Nathrop

McCulloch, Stacey Crestone

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Harrison, Kenneth Austin

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