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Comments: October 29, 2023USDA Forest Service, Rocky Mountain RegionAttn: Reviewing OfficerC/O Director of Strategic Planning2nd floor1617 Cole Blvd. Building 17Lakewood, CO 80401Submitted electronically via <https://cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Public/CommentInput?project=51806>Re: Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests Plan Revision #51806 objectionDear Reviewing Officer:I am submitting this objection to the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forests(GMUG) Forest Plan, Draft Record of Decision (draft ROD), and Final Environmental Impact Statement(FEIS), noticed August 31, 2023. Chad Stewart, GMUG National Forests Supervisor is the ResponsibleOfficial. I have previously submitted a comment on the draft plan.Objection 1: The categorization of Hayden Mountain as General Forest is inadequate to protect thewildlife, scenic and other natural values of the landscape and should be changed to Special InterestArea or Special Management Area.Suggested Remedies: Designate Hayden Mountain, with boundaries consistent with the CCP, as a SpecialInterest Area or Special Management Area in the final forest plan.Objection 2: Summer ROS for the entire CCP-proposed Hayden Mountain SIA should be Semi-PrimitiveNon-MotorizedI vehemently object to the Summer ROS of Semi-Primitive Motorized from Spirit Gulch to McIntyre Gulchin Ouray County East of US-550 within the proposed SIA boundary. This is a material change from theAlternative B of the Summer ROS of 2021, and may have precluded many user groups, citizens andgovernments from commenting on the draft plan. These areas are popular for hiking at the RedMountain Pass area. The Red Mountain Pass already has numerous motorized primitive roads. The Ourayarea has been overrun by OHV[rsquo]s and the jeeping crowd, it would be nice to reserve some areas in theRed Mountain Pass area for non motorized.Suggested Remedies: restore the Summer ROS map for the Hayden Mountain Area to the 2021 SummerROS designation of Semi-Primitive Non-Motorized.Thank you very much for your consideration of the above objections. I look forward to the final forestplan.Sincerely,Dan HughesPO Box 251Ouray, CO 81427