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Good afternoon,

I noticed that the GMUG's assessments are secured so you can't copy the language or extract pages from the PDFs, although you can highlight them. I recently experienced a similar issue with the Rio Grande National Forest, which only made its draft plan and DEIS available as secured PDFs that cannot be highlighted or copied and pasted. They provided me with unsecured PDFs when I reached out.

The use of secured PDFs is problematic because it impedes informed public comment. The 2012 planning rule emphasizes the importance of public participation, and restricting the functionality of forest planning documents is inconsistent with the spirit of the rule. Can you please tell me why the assessments have only been provided as secured PDFs? I cannot think of a reason why that should be necessary.

In addition, can you please post unsecured PDFs of the assessments on the planning webpage so the public can more easily comment on these documents?

Thanks very much for your assistance.

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