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Comments: As a landowner in the Upper East River Valley and a long-term researcher at the Rocky Mountain Biological Laboratory, I write to encourage the USFS to continue to work to facilitate researcher in forest service lands. The RMBL has played an important role in past research and I hope will continue to play an important role in future research. Thinking creatively about ways to leverage expertise and enthusiasm among the community of researchers at the RMBL to help provide management-critical data would be most welcomed.

It's certainly timely to think about the forest plan because of continued recreational growth in the region--especially the Upper East River Valley. We are at the risk of loving our area to death...and with proper management I hope that the natural resources will be conserved for future generations while our current generations use the land wisely.