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Dear GMUG Forest Planning Team:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments during the assessment phase of the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forest plan revision process. As an avid outdoor enthusiast, I enjoy mountain biking, skiing, hiking and camping on the GMUG and hope to preserve opportunities for human-powered backcountry travel, solitude, challenge and exploration throughout the National Forest.

In reviewing the Recreation Assessment, I was disappointed to see this important topic receive a fairly cursory overview with limited detail included in the assessment. The narrative was incomplete without maps to portray the recreation amenities, trails, high-use areas and visitor use data.

Never underestimate the value of providing these types of places for people to ski, bike, hike and camp. My family, and many in my community HIGHLY value these trail-based activities and hope they are taken into consideration for this assessment. We live in Colorado BECAUSE OF the recreation opportunities. The GMUG is in our backyard and we recreate there on a regular basis.

I hope you will consider updating the information in your assessment report to provide a more detailed picture of Recreation on the GMUG forest prior to the scoping period.

Sincerely,

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