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Comments: GMUG Forest Plan - Assessment Comments

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 recreating 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.

Colorado is a beautiful state and you manage some of the most beautiful parts. My wife and I have hiked the Colorado Trail, biked the Rockies, climbed the peaks, skied the peaks and love your area of responsibility. We find it harder and harder to get away from the motors and into the Quiet. Please consider the aspect of incompatible uses in your plan. Give Quiet a place to be.

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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