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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 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.

I do not think oil and gas exploration in mountainous regions such as this area is appropriate. This type of development should be restricted to flatter areas where there is not the visual impact from road cuts.

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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