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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 bring a group of Colorado Mountain Club (Denver Group) members to the Grand Mesa every winter season for at least 4 days of backcountry cross-country skiing. We ski the following: County Line, Skyway, Ward Creek "loop", West Bench to Powderhorn, Waterdog Reservoir, to name a few. I make occasional late-summer trips to the Mesa for hiking. Please keep these non-motorized trails open and accessible for recreating. Sincerely,  
Marilyn Choske

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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