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Comments: The Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison Forests contain some of the most beautiful natural lands in the state of Colorado, and any plan must ensure that this beauty is preserved for coming generations. The forests are not renewable resources; any extractive activity, even logging, will cause permanent damage to this unique collection of ecosystems. The forests are home to some of the most remarkable wildlife of the West, including burrowing owls, bald eagles, ferruginous hawks, river otters, and many other species.

I've camped many times in these forests, and I want to be able to take my children to them in order to experience real wilderness. While some lands are already designated as "Wilderness," many others have been recommended, and the Forest Service should consider recommending more. Without more protected areas, the current Wilderness areas will be isolated islands. Particularly as climate change puts pressure on wildlife species, they need more, varied landscapes if they are to survive. I don't want to have to tell my children, "That used to be beautiful forest land, filled with trees and birds, but now it is filled with oil and gas wells."

Please consider proposals, like the one at www.gmugrevision.com, to conserve these beautiful places. We owe it to future generations.