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Comments: As a responsible recreationist who understands the importance of sustainable use, I stress the need to sustain current recreation use for all.

I am a recreationist of nearly all uses: motorized, non-motorized, on foot, independent, and with family. I value all facets of use within my public lands, whether on machine with friends, alone on foot, or on equipment with family.

Significant changes in the recreational use of land in the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison National Forest areas will greatly impact my desire to spend time and money in the region. Our trips to the area always include hotel, food, shopping, fuel, and other spending within the local economy. However, the more restricted the area becomes the more we feel forced to visit other areas.

The current land use designations have clearly been enjoyed and accepted for decades. I see no reason to change this now and take away freedom for all kinds of public land use, understanding there must be appropriate measures to protect the environment.

Please focus this periodic plan update on simplifying the plan rather than revising its elements.