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Comments: Hello. I married into the Somrak family in 1982. The Granite Basin area is near and dear to the hearts of the entire Somrak family. The Somraks have lived in the Crested Butte area since the late 1880s. Their family depended on hunting in this area to provide for feeding their family as they were very poor miners. While I lived at Almont, I also hiked in this region alongside many of my friends who love this area. My son Ben Somrak and wife Kate are raising 7th generation Somrak children who would love to see this land protected and designated as wilderness. With all of the current development going on in Crested Butte and the surrounding area, there will soon be very few pristine places like the Granite Basin left in Gunnison County. I would love to see this area protected by a wilderness designation. Thank you for your consideration of my request. Sheryl Somrak, now residing in the Denver area.