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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

Myself and my family have been avid outdoors people enjoying the Colorado public lands since we moved here in the late 90's. We enjoy hunting, camping, hiking, mountain biking, fishing and being in nature. On behalf of my family and friends, I would ask that you consider the following requests when revising the forest use plans for Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests:

1. Please don't allow mineral exploration or extraction that disturbs the patterns of wildlife, fauna, or has the potential to damage the delicate biological landscape and streams.
2. Please continue to allow low-impact human activities such as hunting, fishing, camping, hiking, biking and appropriate motor-vehicle use that utilizes existing roadways and trails but does not further interrupt wildlife patterns.
3. Please make every attempt to preserve waterways, streams, rivers and aquifers from pollutants.
4. Please do not commercialize national forests for purposes other than forestry management practices.
5. Please do not sell these national forests to private land holders.
6. If selling national forests to private parties is considered due to budgetary constraints, consider the sale of a National Forest "pass". Many people, such as myself, would gladly pay a small fee annually to carry a pass if it meant public lands were not privatized.

Regards,

Joe Harrigan