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Comments: I am writing in support of adding the Granite Basin area to a wilderness designation. I live within a mile of this area and have had the opportunity to hike in this peaceful and serene forest. There are so few places left in Gunnison Valley that can be added to wilderness,. In this stressful world it is wonderful to be able to spend time without noise...sounds of the wind in the trees, the birds singing, and the marmots whistling calm the spirit and help us connect with nature.

Future generations will need access to land where they can escape from their cares and worries, and they will be thankful wilderness remains for activities as simple as taking a walk in the woods.

As people look for these special places, they bring economic benefits to the surrounding communities. There is an increasing appreciation for the wonders of the wild.

Granite Basin is one of these places....an area that deserves wilderness designation. Thank you for considering my comments as you make this very important decision.