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I write this to inform the Forest Service that we oppose the Western Colorado Congress / GMUG Wilderness proposal

Grand Mesa has always been a great source of recreation to us and our families. We grew up in Cedaredge, but now live on Grand Mesa because of our love of this mountain and the many resources that this grand flat top mountain has for years dating back to the late 1800s . I, Glenda Perkins is the 5th generation that has loved and enjoyed Grand Mesa. Larry Perkins, Father moved to this area because of his love for the outdoor activities that are in abundance on this mountain.

We walk, hike, photograph, snowmobile, atv rides. Our Children and Grand Children also love to camp and enjoy all that is offered on Grand Mesa. Now our Great Granddaughters may be faced with only a very limited amount of this beauty and outdoor recreation, should the proposal of the Western Colorado Congress / GMUG Wilderness proposal is passed.

Part of the freedom we have in this country is that we can leave the crowds and go to the mountains to enjoy what God has provided. Please make sure that our forest and surrounding areas remain as it has for the enjoyment for the now, and future generations. There are already over 3 million acres in Colorado that has already been designated as wilderness. Why should these "special interest" groups take away what has been the primary source of recreation for the countless now and in the future.

There is also the economic down fall the is to be considered. All the surrounding townships and municipalities will suffer from loss of revenue by closing off access to the areas proposed by the Western Colorado Congress/ GMUC Wilderness proposal

Please, consider closely our concerns and keep our mountains open for all to enjoy.

Respectfully

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