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As a 40+ year resident of Crested Butte, I have witnessed the explosive growth in the Gunnison Valley. Few areas have been more impacted by that growth than the Granite Basin. Meanwhile it has become clear that a main driver of that growth is the clear desire of so many to escape the challenges of urban and suburban life. This makes it crystal clear in my opinion that decision makers can perform an enormous public service by allowing more highly suitable land - such as Granite Basin - to be protected for the benefit of all.

I further believe that preserving primitive lands for current and future generations -allowing primitive recreation activities such as Hiking, Hunting, Horseback Riding and Cross Country Skiing might be among the most important things we can do right now to provide the solace of Wilderness areas. Society at large seems to be shouting "We need more Wilderness Areas" -particularly those areas that are accessible to all - such as Granite Basin.

We can protect the present for the future; I respectfully urge you to support the creation of a Granite Basin Wilderness area.

Thanks very much

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