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Comments: You must manage the forest to protect plant and animal species and the natural habitats they need to survive. The best way to protect species and habitats is to recommend additional lands for Wilderness designation and to protect other areas as Special Interest Areas that focus on habitat protection, and recommend their destruction. I support strong standards and guidelines as they are essential to maintain a healthy resilient forest. Any plan must include strong protections for at-risk animals and plants including American white pelican, bald eagle, burrowing owl, Columbian sharp-tailed grouse, ferruginous hawk, gray vireo, Gunnison sage-grouse, greater sandhill crane, western purple martin, Colorado river cutthroat trout, roundtail chub, kit fox, river otter, Cathedral Bluff meadow-rue, Colorado desert-parsley, Rocky Mountain thistle, and Rollins' twinpod (*Physaria rollinsii*)

Landscape-level conservation is critical as it allows the forest to adapt to changes naturally. The Forest Service should disallow oil and gas development in places where development will harm the natural environment and interfere with recreation and scenery.