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GMUG Plan Revision Team

Dear Revision Team,

I strongly believe we must conserve our public lands. I am writing to ask the Forest Service to include strong protections for wildlife, wild lands, and water in the revised management plan for the Grand Mesa, Uncompangre, and Gunnison national forests.

Our public lands face increasing pressures from human population encroachment into wildlife habitats, commercial interests wishing to exploit their natural resources, climate change, etc. The survival of at-risk species depends on the Forest Service to ensure their protection and long-term survival.

One of the best ways to protect wildlife and plants in our national forests is to designate special areas dedicated to conservation. This is why I support the Citizens' Wilderness Proposal. The Proposal would provide important management direction for essential places on the forest for at-risk species.

I encourage the GMUG Plan Revision Team to develop and adopt a management plan alternative that maximizes conservation for the wildlife that depend on these forests and their habitat.

Sincerely,

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