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Comments: Recently I have personally visited and hiked in this area and I live close by in Crested Butte South, permanently for over 10 years. I am writing to support a wilderness designation for Granite Basin. Granite Basin is a pristine, lovely area and a treasure to our valley. With the increasing crowding and building out of local wilderness areas, our need to maintain wilderness areas is extremely important. I want to protect primitive lands for current and future generations. Granite Basin protects ecosystems and mitigates the effects of climate change. This area needs protection and designation for outdoor activities such as hiking. In particular, this area provides a much needed place for experiencing solitude and the peacefulness of our outdoor wilderness. My time hiking this area provided me with a chance to gain solitude, especially in one meadow-like area which had a special sense of quiet and peacefulness, filling me with calm and renewing my sense of contentment and reminders of how connected we are to nature and how it can renew us and help relieve the stressors of busy daily lives. I also found numerous wildflowers growing there, and each time I came upon them, I was filled with joy and appreciation of our wilderness environment here. This should be available to others for many many years to come, a true treasure especially in today's world of congestion and busyness.

I support the Forest Service 2007 Wilderness recommendation for Granite Basin.

Thank you for listening to my support and concern and request for this treasured area.