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Comments:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on GMUG's Forest Plan Revision scoping. My comments are related to the Plan's recommendations for new Wilderness Areas.

In September of last year I hiked into the area recommended by the Forest Service for Wilderness in 2007, Granite Basin. I was in a small hiking group. We hiked the full length of the Horse Basin Trail. We never saw any other people during our 4-5 mile hike. The entire area was untouched nature except for the simple, single file trail itself. A hard-to-find forest service sign at the "trailhead" indicated horse/hiker only. There were two sections of the trail that required us to ford Cement Creek. I'm looking forward to exploring other parts of Granite Basin this summer.

I support preserving Granite Basin as a designated Wilderness. Its close proximity to CB South makes it easy for me and others to visit and enjoy its natural beauty and solitude.

I'm a remote worker. I believe that having a Wilderness Area near CB South will attract other remote workers as full time residents with positive effects on the local economy and tax base.

Please consider my comments in your decision processes to recommend Granite Basin for Wilderness protection.

Thank you,

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