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I wish to extend my hearty support for Forest Plan Revision #51806. This plan to add wilderness to the Cement Creek area is one that reflects the needs of so many aware of the dwindling habitat for wildlife. Additionally, the segmentation and blocking of migration routes, the loss of ecological stability, and general overcrowding of recreation areas that frightens wildlife and tramples and compromises fauna must be noted.

The designation of this area as "wilderness" also appeals to anyone looking for a quiet, untrammled, uncluttered, and vehicle free outdoor experience. It is in our nature to crave these experiences, and they are becoming less and less available as the recreation boom overwhelms the Upper Gunnison Valley.

To have wilderness accessible to many, and free of user conflicts, would go a long way to caring for the plants, the animals (that includes humans), the watershed, and longevity of the area so loved by so many.

I cannot even number the times I have run or hiked or skied the peaks and trails, noting the flowers, the wildlife, the waterfalls and the breathtaking views of the peaks and valleys I so love. The conglomerate and red sandstone offer a wonderful contrast to the lush valleys in summer and the white coat of winter.

Let's save something great, for us, for our children, and beyond.

Thank you for your time & consideration,

Lisbeth Carter