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Comments: Dear Forest Service,

I support Wilderness designation for the Granite Basin area near Crested Butte South in Gunnison County. I am a 20 year resident of the area and have hiked there many times. I have never anywhere seen the variety and abundance of mushrooms that I observed in the basin to the northeast of Horse basin several years ago. It literally was difficult to walk without stepping on them!

I think it an unusual opportunity to set aside a lower elevation wilderness, close to a small "village" that can provide solitude for humans and relatively undisturbed wildlife habitat. I have observed the proliferation of mountain bikes near Eckert Gulch and-the beginnings of erosion as they pioneer new routes. It seems to me that there is no shortage of places for us to ride in the Forest without starting to ride here.

Thank you for your consideration!

Kevin Donovan