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Dear GMUG Forest Planning Team:

Having lived and played in Colorado for over 45 years now, you could say I've seen a lot of changes. Of course our most concerning problems stem from increased population and use, and adverse climate change. So forest management must be adaptive and flexible, while also adhering to treasured values of sustainability, respect for all organisms, and playful access. It looks as if you recognize these multiple and sometimes conflicting needs in your scoping document. I continue to hope that needs of quiet recreation stay in the fore of your attention. Since we are a quiet group, we don't have the venue to make a lot of noise, but we have need for large spaces away from noisy machines, lights, and popularity. Please remember us as you continue to develop this plan.

I am a longtime member of and supporter of Colorado Mountain Club and the Conservation program. Please respect their combined representation of member's concerns.

Recreation is a key social and economic driver on the GMUG National Forest and I would like to see recreation addressed pro-actively through the Forest Planning process. Through Wilderness and special area designations, the Forest can protect and enhance recreation experiences for users and ensure these landscapes remain intact for future generations.

There is a need and opportunity for additional wilderness, Wild & Scenic Rivers, and other designated areas on the GMUG. Designations in the Citizens' Wilderness Proposal (<https://www.gmugrevision.com/>) and Gunnison Public Lands Initiative (<http://gunnisonpubliclands.org/>) should both be included in the revised forest plan.

Sincerely,

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