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Dear GMUG Forest Planning Team:

As a regular hiker, I value the peace, wildlife and ecological balance that undisturbed natural areas bring to my life and many others. I'm well aware, too, that these spaces only provide a significant tourism value if they're left as rugged and unspoiled as possible.

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 Service 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.

I hope that in your considerations, you place foremost the ongoing delicate balance between natural systems over any kind of short-term financial gain. Thank you so much for your efforts.

Sincerely,

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