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Comments: Hello,

I'm writing today as a full-time, year-round resident and home owner in Crested Butte South. I am in favor of the GPLI- and CBMBA-backed proposal for Granite Basin and other parts of the forest near Cement Creek. Years of work by many key local stakeholders went into crafting a progressive and proactive management plan for that area that protects our public lands, conserves our natural resources, and also allows for some of the best outdoor recreation in the state of Colorado, if not the entire Rocky Mountain West.

I have recently learned that there is a late push by some to create a new wilderness area that would eliminate mountain biking access to some of our most outstanding trails near CB South. Eccher Gulch and other trails next to our neighborhood offer some of the best backcountry and primitive mountain biking trails for those willing to put in the effort to get there. Human-powered recreation in the SMA as proposed by GPLI enhances the forest.

Thank you for your careful consideration of the recommendations put forth by GPLI.

Sincerely,

Laurel Runcie