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Comments: To Whom It May Concern,

We have the pleasure and privilege of being able to carry on a way of life that dates back seven generations and nearly 130 years. Our family settled in the Unaweep Canyon area in the late 1800's. We currently have sixth and seventh generations working on the ranch/range. What a unique opportunity to see five generations working together!

Our Forest Permits [grazing for our cows] are a critical piece of our small family operation. The permits are federally regulated and we feel we'd benefit from the ability to work with our rangers on a closer, local level. Perhaps the farmers/ranchers numbers aren't as big as they used to be, but we are on the mountain often. We live on the mountain for part of the year. We value the land and the animals. Our daily activities and responsibilities lie within not only moving and caring for our cattle but also maintaining grass/feed for wildlife as well. We work with the forest and actively maintain water sources.

We enjoy seeing wildlife and views that few encounter as we are horseback almost daily during the summer months. In addition, we enjoy hunting, fishing, trapping, and camping, also activities that our families have made their livings from enjoyed for generations.

We also have ancestors that have made their living from the logging/lumber industry and have also used timber as a means of supporting our family. We feel this industry could be more user friendly, and create more ways to harvest and benefit from the [down and dead] timber. Large areas of our forest land pose little benefit for cattle and large wildlife when they are unable to maneuver through all the fallen trees. This limits forest use, and we see an opportunity for more responsible woodcutting and removal.

Our family has also made their living from the mining industry and we see opportunities for that to be continued as a key piece of local communities and economies. For generations, our family has worked with the forest service to make our living from all the ways the forest provides.

We are thankful for the ability to use our forest lands for grazing, lumber/firewood, mining, and recreation. Our family has a deep appreciation for what our forest can provide for us. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Forest Revision Plan.

Sincerely,

Beeman and Jessie Casto, LLC, Beeman and Jessie Casto and family

Casto Enterprises, LLC, Bryce and Lisa Casto and family

Outlaw Cattle Company, Brad and Lisa Larsen and family