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Comments: I am writing in support of the Gunnison public Lands Initiative. Their plan has been painstakingly researched and takes into account years of feedback and collaboration between all user groups. A last minute push by some to introduce a wilderness area in Granite basin between Cement Mountain and Round Mountain near cb south is misguided. It is also an unfortunate betrayal of the GPLI and it's multi year efforts to bring all user groups together into a unified vision for the future of the Gunnison forest.

As a homeowner in cb south, I do not support this wilderness area. This is a prime multi use recreation area, with established trails that provide some of the best hiking and mountain biking in the state. It is not near or connected to any other wilderness areas, and would be out of place and not in the spirit of the wilderness designation. In this time of increased forest use, we need to offer more opportunities for recreation near population centers, not less, especially with millions of acres of true wilderness in our immediate vicinity. As a mountain biker, I think the Eccher gulch trail is one of the best trails in the state, and offers a biking experience unlike anything else nearby.

I oppose this granite basin wilderness area. It is not the right place to add wilderness to our system, and it would be a slap in the face to the collaborative efforts of the GPLI.