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GMUG Plan Revision Team

Dear Revision Team,

I'm asking the Forest Service to include strong protections for wildlife, wildlands, and water resources in the revised management plan for the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison national forests. That's why I support the Citizens' Wilderness Proposal. This Proposal would provide important management direction for essential places in the forest for at-risk species.

Many at-risk species depend on these forests, which provide key habitat for the Canada lynx and Gunnison sage-grouse, both threatened species under the Endangered Species Act.

Canada lynx need large areas of connected habitat and safeguards from threats such as logging. Oil and gas development should be avoided in Gunnison sage-grouse habitat. Other vulnerable species that need strict management standards and guidelines include the river otter, Gunnison's prairie dog, American white pelican, bald eagle, boreal owl, northern goshawk, Colorado River cutthroat trout, other animals, and many plants.

I encourage the GMUG Plan Revision Team to develop and adopt a management plan alternative that maximizes conservation for the wildlife that depend on these forests and their habitat.

Sincerely,

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