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Thank you for your work to identify over 40 miles of rivers and tributaries in Colorado's Grand Mesa Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest for inclusion in the National Wild and Scenic Rivers System. I have lived in Colorado for over 20 years, and I am concerned about preserving wilderness areas and keeping them inaccessible and undeveloped . Once a river or stream becomes accessible (especially by vehicle), pollution and habitat degradation is not far behind. Anything the USFS can do to keep rivers free-flowing, and to protect wildlife habitat is worth pursuing because biodiversity is critical to maintaining the delicate eco-balance that our planet so desperately needs.

Collaborating with the High Country Conservation Advocates is a great idea because its members can best target all of the areas that are most in need of protection.

Thank you for doing all you can to keep Colorado wild!!

Janis Dufford

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