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Comments: Dear Forest Service representatives,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Wild & Scenic Rivers portion of the GMUG Forest Plan.

Water is the ultimate responsibility the Forest Service has to our national interest, health and well-being.

Living in the Upper East River Valley, surrounded by pristine waters, I would hope to see these rivers chosen for inclusion as Wild & Scenic:

1. Oh-Be-Joyful Creek-in Raggeds Wilderness
2. East River-scenic meanders, recently conserved by Trampe Ranch
3. Copper Lake and Copper Creek-important for research at RMBL, boreal toad population
4. Slate River-flows by Crested Butte, supports fragile heron rookery
5. Brush Creek and West Brush-free-flowing trout streams
6. Cement Creek-home to a rare iron fern
7. Anthracite and Ruby Anthracite-mainly in Raggeds Wilderness
8. West Soap Creek-very scenic area with wilderness qualities
9. Roubideau Creek-important lower-elevation, scenic and historic area

It's hard to not select all the streams in the vicinity and beyond. These are the headwaters of the Colorado River, after all. Giving them protective designation will support wildlife and people for years to come, keeping our environment livable, as free-flowing rivers support all living things.

Please include all of these in your Eligibility Evaluation.

Thank you!

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