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Comments: Dear Forest Service Team,

Thank you for the chance to comment! As residents of Colorado's rural mountain area, we have several concerns with this plan and fear it sets a dangerous new precedent for forest management.

First, there is only land in the San Juans recommended for Wilderness, even though many other areas exhibit wilderness characteristics. We support new wilderness areas, particularly those in the Community Conservation Proposal.

Second, timber harvest would be allowed in high-quality lynx habitat. This is an unacceptable environmental risk.

Third, guidelines for protecting deer, elk, and bighorn sheep on birthing grounds and winter range need to be mandatory, not optional.

Fourth, additional detail on watershed protection is necessary. It is good that the plan proposes to establish conservation watershed networks to protect watersheds and sensitive species like trout and boreal toad, but it provides no detail on how these networks would be applied and maintained.

Overall, the plan provides very weak, and in some cases non-existent, direction for the protection of important resources. Mandatory limits on action need to be in the plan.

Thank you,