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To whom it may concern within the planning team,

Thank you for going to the effort of publishing the draft and online guide to the GMUG forest plan. I spent a fair amount of time in the areas of interest, (hunting, fishing, and hiking) and hope to share my two cents.

It seems that the focus on structuring high use area's is spot on. Encouraging casual visitors to use areas that have the infrastructure for it will help keep the ecosystem from being over run.

To complement this, I would like to see the roadless area's increase in size. I believe this is essential for wildlife, as trails do provide a major stress on wildlife especially in peak seasons. Grand Mesa and Gunnison would be my focus on this given the developing interest in these areas.

Kannah Creek is the watershed which feeds Grand Junction, where i reside, and I would like to see it included in watershed protections.

I recognize the need to balance the interests of many stakeholders, I would hope that logging activity be thoughtful in its use for subsequent fire management. Also, motorized off road vehicles have an especially disruptive effect on habitat as we can see on BLM land, I would hope to see stronger restrictions on usable areas.

I would also like to see the Forest Service utilize the example set by the currently changing standards for the state's Oil and Gas Commission and take a role in accounting for impact on water supply's and vegetation.

Thanks again for considering my comments, I unfortunately cannot make it to the comment session tomorrow in Palisade.

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