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Comments: Dear Plan Revision Team

Thank you for your hard work, involvement, and deep concern for our lands. As a beginning hunter I am undertaking the enormous task of learning the skills necessary to partake in this endeavor. Since I am sadly no longer a young person, I have enlisted the assistance of packgoats to carry some of the load; goats being relatively inexpensive, easy keepers that will bond with humans. They are also the easiest pack animal on the environment tending to avoid wet or unstable areas, leaving small hoof prints, and even smaller pellets of fertilizer.

Packgoats are managed as trained athletes. In my case, I take them hiking several times a week. They provide me with the impetus to keep training and moving. We are well bonded and they tend to come to me for affection and when startled, protection. I will be going on my third hunt. This will be my first time hunting in Colorado and I hope to continue to return and use my pack goats as my hunting buddies. Therefore, I request that goat packing be added to the list of recreational activities on page 8 of the forest plan, that the ban on page 27 be removed, and lastly that the reference to packgoats on page 143 be removed since packgoats are NOT an example of disease transmission to bighorn sheep.

Thank you