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Comments: Hello,

I am writing this comment in regards to the working draft of the GMUG Forest plan. As a Coloradan I have camped, hiked, and fished in these places many times. After reading the draft of the forest plan I have a few concerns that I would like to address.

- First of all, I support the new Wilderness areas proposed by the Community Conservation Proposal and Gunnison Public Lands Initiative. Without these designated spaces, we will eventually lose a lot of what makes Colorado so vast and beautiful.

- I would like the plan to implement measurable and quantifiable steps to protect our watersheds and the animals that live in them. There is broad language in the draft about protecting these treasures but we need to be more clear about the actions. How are they maintained? Who is responsible?

- I am concerned about any voluntary protections for the sensitive species in the forest. The sage grouse is a threatened species and we need to have mandatory limits in place to protect their habitat.

- I oppose the increase of the amount of timber that can be harvested during the life of the plan. We must show some restraint and do our best to keep these ecosystems healthy.

Thank you.