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I'm a summer local with a residence in Mt. Crested Butte. We were drawn to this area for many reasons, one of the main ones being the amount of public land in the area and the opportunities for hiking in the mountains. I recently had the opportunity to hike the 563, Little Pass Creek Trail. With fields of wildflowers, flowing streams, aspen trees, and wide open vistas of the Castles this trail has it all. I was very impressed.

I would love to see the West Elk Wilderness expanded in that area to preserve this special place. With that in mind I support the Gunnison Public Lands Initiative's Castle Wilderness and Castle Special Management Area recommendations.