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Comments: As a frequent, grateful, and multi-use steward of the public lands in the GMUG region, I feel upset and betrayed to see that the Gunnison Public Lands Initiative (GPLI) recommendations are not included in the "Grand Mesa, Uncompany and Gunnison Forest Plan". GPLI provides a thoughtful, balanced, broad viewpoint, developed over nearly a decade, representing a diverse range of invested stakeholders in the GMUG region. Effective public discourse and environmental policy like that developed by GPLI is rare and precious in today's society of over-simplification and polar opposites. The draft plan appears to have tragically ignored the majority of recommendations developed by GPLI and the stakeholders that GPLI represents and partners with. The valuable wilderness area, special management areas, and big game management recommendations simply MUST be included - if we don't protect our environment now from overuse, mechanization, and abuse then the intrinsic benefits of the land and sustainable value to communities and ecosystems will be lost. The GPLI recommendations have been formed with "the 7th generation principle" in mind, intended to protect our way of life and the lands that support it for hundreds of years to come. Omitting the GPLI recommendations is tantamount to inviting threats from the short-sighted self interest of destructive, mechanized modes of transportation, extraction industries, and commercialization to destroy the irreplaceable value of our fragile mountain ecosystems. I entreat the US Forest Service managers entrusted to develop this plan to listen, think, and act locally, in partnership with GPLI, and include GPLI's full list of recommendations in the GMUG's final revised forest plan.