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Comments: I am writing in support of all stream segments found eligible in the Draft Forest Plan, specifically those found in the GMUG's Gunnison and Paonia Ranger Districts. Having kayaked, fished, and/or backpacked along all these segments, I can attest to their outstandingly remarkable values. Anthracite Creek, and specifically Ruby Anthracite is one of the most beautiful wilderness rivers I've paddled in the entire country. Oh-be-Joyful is known by kayakers from Europe to Alaska for it's steep, clean waterfalls and remarkable paddling. West Elk Creek is one of the most rugged and amazing drainages in Colorado and features outstanding backpacking, fishing, and hunting. The Copper Creek drainage is one of the few final places to chase native cutthroats in their natural stream environment, all while being surrounded by remote and rarely climbed 13,000' peaks. West Soap Creek is one of the best pieces of habitat for animals that call the Western Slope home and is a safe haven for hunters, fishers, and backpackers.

I would also like to ask the Forest Service to reinclude the Taylor, East, Slate, and Poverty Gulch in their eligible stream segments. The Taylor and East are both exquisite habitat for trout, elk, moose, mink, and many other animals. The East River meanders below Gothic are the most beautiful place in our National Forest to watch a sunrise. The Slate and Poverty Gulch deserve protections for their remarkable scenic and recreation values. Similar to Oh-be-Joyful, these whitewater segments attract boaters from around the world. Since they don't originate in designated Wilderness they also need more help to protect from development and habitat degradation.