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Comments: I would like to comment on the Draft Forest Plan for the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forest.

We need adequate protection for Colorado's wildlife, especially as we see unprecedented stress from climate change, recreation use and continued habitat fragmentation. The proposed 34,000 acres in the over three million acre GMUG National Forest as wilderness is woefully deficient and is much lower than previous proposals. It USFS to recommend an increased and more suitable acreage figure for recommended wilderness.

Regarding timber, Alternative B, the clear preferred alternative, nearly doubles the acreage of timber suitable for harvest while allocating only 1/10th of the forest suitable for wilderness protection isn't aligned with Colorado's values. We must know the potential impacts of logging at such a scale on the climate and the watersheds we depend on.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my comment on the draft plan and look forward to continuing to engage in the planning process.