Data Submitted (UTC 11): 9/24/2021 10:46:03 AM

First name: Eva Last name: Christ Organization:

Title:

Comments: Dear USFS,

while I believe the revision of the Manti La Sal Forest plan is over due and so necessary, one thing I cannot find is the overall impact climate change has and will continuously have on this fragile landscape. I am teaching college students on the Colorado Plateau, for scientists this fragile ecosystem is an indicator for many ecosystems: changes in the ecosystem caused by the ongoing drought/climate change happen here on the Colorado Plateau first -and therefore can predict changes eg. in plant communities for other systems. I miss that wording of "our climate is changing" and the emerging consequences for socio- ecological systems. In order that we take responsibility we need to name it.

There will be lesser and lesser water, the snowpack will melt faster, no matter how much snow we will get in the future. Plant communities will move up, wildlife will get stressed through more fires, etc. I, myself also depend on drinking water of an aquifer, which is nothing else than the runoff of the snowpack of the Abajos- this has real life impacts pretty soon on an area where the population pressure of Moab etc. causes continuously more people to move into this area.

I believe that humans can only take precautions and take responsibility if they accept and see reality: : Climate Change is here and not going anywhere. Please name it as what it is - it's urgent.

Sincerely,

Eva C.