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Comments: I am writing today to comment on the Draft Revised Forest Plan.

The updated Forest Plan should recognize climate change; conservation of wildlands, water, native plants, and wildlife; increased Indigenous influence, and better responsiveness to the public.

The Conservation Alternative includes many of these issues. I urge you to analyze it in its full and complete form in the upcoming Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

The Conservation Alternative has a robust wilderness proposal that would ensure a broad range of ecosystems and habitats are protected for future generations of people and wildlife. Please look at it closely for extending the wilderness areas in this beautiful forest.

In addition, the Manti-La Sal National Forest should involve better partnerships with Native nations and incorporate Indigenous traditional knowledge in its final plan. They have cared for this land much longer than "modern folks."

Please do NOT include protections for Manti-La Sal National Forest lands that were slashed from Bears Ears National Monument in 2017. Interior Secretary Deb Haaland has recommended that full protection be returned to Bears Ears National Monument and they should be managed as a National Monument.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my comments.