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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your Draft Revised Forest Plan.

The Manti-La Sal is so important to so many for a variety of reasons, and in light of increasing pressures the forest faces from a hotter, drier Colorado Plateau, the revised Forest Plan must consider climate change; conservation of wildlands, water, native plants, and wildlife; increased Indigenous influence, and better responsiveness to the public.

All of these needs can be met by the Conservation Alternative, and it must be analyzed in its full and complete form in the upcoming Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

Additionally, it's important to me that... that we save places for wild birds, animals and native plants. The Manti-La Sal has some of the last remaining intact P/J and Ponderosa forests in the southwest. We have seen how climate change has increased the pressure on these ecosystems with warmer temperatures, drought stress and increasing infestations of bark beetles. The more human activity that is allowed in forests, the more roads that are created, the more garbage is left behind and the more creatures that are disturbed through noise, crushing, and harassment. Please select the CONSERVATION Alternative and leave something for future generations to have. Finally, I am certain that you are aware of the research that shows that an intact forest is many times more beneficial to maintaining a stable climate than timber harvesting and replanting.