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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Some considerations that are priorities for me as the Draft Environmental Impact Statement is developed are modernizing grazing management by allowing no more than 30% utilization of native species; preservation of old-growth forests, intact roadless areas and wilderness, and protection of pinyon jays as a species of conservation concern.

The plan should adopt the Conservation Alternatives wilderness proposal and establish the following protected areas: Left Fork Huntington Creek Research Natural Area (RNA), Sinbad Ridge RNA, Red Towers Botanical Area, and Heliotrope Botanical Area.

Cultural sites plans should place a priority on their preservation. Manti-La Sal must do better to encourage partnerships with Native nations to incorporate Indigenous Traditional Knowledge in the upcoming plan.

Finally, Interior Secretary Deb Haaland has recommended that full protection be returned to Bears Ears National Monument, and President Biden is widely expected to take action soon. Bears Ears planning belongs in a revised Monument Management Plan, not this Forest Plan, and that plan should be written in cooperation with the BLM and with shared governance from Native nations.

Thanks for your consideration of these comments,