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Comments: Dear Forest Planners,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the GMUG (Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison) National Forest Plan.

I have lived in Larimer County, Colorado, for about 30 years. During that time I have frequently visited the GMUG region and surrounding public lands for hunting, fishing, camping and hiking. While raising my children here, they often accompanied me on many trips throughout the GMUG area.

It's my understanding that hunting and fishing alone contribute about \$115M annually and support about 2,000 jobs in GMUG. These values could rise significantly with strong future support for these outdoor activities.

I strongly support the designation of Wildlife Management Areas (WMA's) in the GMUG region. I believe there could be up to 720,000 acres assigned to WMA's. This would be critically important for species conservation and habitat connectivity.

I support Alternative "B" in the GMUG forest plan. I believe this option includes WMA's that would enhance hunting and fishing habitats.

I support limiting motorized and non-motorized route density to a standard of one linear mile per square mile. This would improve habitat function and connectivity as well as seasonal and migratory patterns for various game species.

I also support maintaining Colorado roadless areas within the GMUG. This is necessary for big game populations, stream and watershed quality and preserving large, intact, connected landscapes.

Thank you for all your time and effort in preparing this forest plan.