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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.

Climate change and the mega drought have already seriously stressed native species and ecosystems. Status quo management is no longer proper nor sustainable. Significant reforms are needed to ensure climate resilience and the ability for native species to adapt. The Conservation Alternative is reasonable and must be fully analyzed in the DEIS.

Thanks for your consideration.