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Comments: Kelso Mesa is a special place that deserves our protection -- so that our children and grandchildren can enjoy it as we do. Please, consistent with the Forest Service analysis, include Kelso Mesa in the "lands with wilderness characteristics" category. As a roadless area, Kelso Mesa offers opportunities for hiking, hunting, backpacking, and the enjoyment of nature's solitude. As a large area, it offers substantial wildlife habitat which is important to the survival of not only diverse species that are potentially threatened, but also of the big game that hunters prize. Myself, I've not been to Kelso Mesa because of its remoteness. But I have hiked in the adjacent Dominguez Canyon Wilderness and been spellbound by the quiet beauty of the place. We must protect these precious wild places; once lost, they are gone forever.