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Comments: Thank you for the hard work on the effort to update the GMUG forest plan. First of all, i believe this forest is far too big to be covered by one plan. Each area has it own unique needs and gifts which should be given individual consideration.

I fully support the wilderness and special management area recommendations in Alternative D, including areas recommended by the Gunnison Public Lands Initiative (GPLI) and Community Conservation Proposal.

I also Support the concept of Wildlife Management Areas (WMAs) in the Forest Plan, but ask that they be strengthened. This important management area designation could help protect habitat for a variety of wildlife species. However, in places where Alternative D's wilderness and SMA recommendations overlap with the WMA-base identified in Alternative B, I support Alternative D's wilderness and SMAs.

I Support significantly reducing the size of the suitable timber base. Every alternative in the draft plan posits a significant increase in suitable timber, which is a designation that interferes with consideration of responsible management of the forests for uses other than timber production. The draft plan seems designed to maximize the possibility of future timber harvest, even though the GMUG National Forest is much more valuable for conserving biological diversity and recreation than it ever could be for timber production. I would also like to see more sustainable logging practices used.

Please consider adding the following rivers, essential to habitat and watershed quality, to be eligible for Wild & Scenic River protection:

Slate River (Headwaters to Poverty Gulch, Poverty Gulch to Oh-Be-Joyful, and Oh-Be-Joyful to Town of Crested Butte)

Daisy Creek (Headwaters to Slate River confluence)

East River (Headwaters to Gothic Road Bridge, Gothic Road Bridge to Meanders, Meanders)

Upper Taylor River, Lower Taylor River (Taylor River Canyon)

Upper Brush Creek and West Brush Creek tributary

Cement Creek

I find the identification of climate refugia good. Please put a more urgent emphasis on this concept as the impact of development and dsruption of habitat is critical now and cannot wait