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Comments: I wish to comment on your Draft Revised Forest Plan. Since I live in Flagstaff, AZ, I have numerous occasions to visit the Manti-La Sal National Forest and surrounding areas. I particularly appreciate the Forest for its incomparable beauty and both its prehistoric and historic heritage. For these reasons I believe it is of utmost importance to assure a high level of environmental protection.

I previously expressed to you my concern that the West Fork of Huntington Creek be carefully preserved. Additionally, in relation to the entire Forest, I especially want to emphasize the importance of protecting stands of old growth pinyon and juniper, especially because of their importance for the pinyon jay, a bird in decline and that is important to me personally. Likewise, I want to lift up the importance of reforming grazing management. I have seen the damage grazing has done to parts of the Forest and with climate change, the damage will only worsen unless careful measures are taken to better control grazing.

Because of these concerns, I urge the Forest Service to include the entire conservation alternative in its formulation of the new Framework for the management plan. As it does so, I encourage the Forest Service to include the voices of multiple stakeholders, especially Native Americans who have both historic and contemporary ties to the area. They should be integrated not only into the planning process but also in the management of the Forest itself.