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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on your Draft Revised Forest Plan.

The Manti-La Sal National Forest is very important to me as a local resident of Bluff. I rely on the Forest for recreation in the summer, when it's too hot to get outside in the desert below. I really want to see our Forest managed for recreation and ecological purposes, not for the financial benefit of a few ranchers. You likely know how depressing it is to walk along a trail littered with cow poop, or see the stubs of baby aspen trees gnawed off by cows. These animals have no place in the forest. They shouldn't be there. Period.

Please keep in mind that managing the forest for recreation and ecological purposes will pay much greater dividends to the entire community in San Juan County for decades to come, than will managing it for grazing.

I would also like you to list the pinyon jay as a species of concern. Pinyon jays used to be everywhere on Cedar Mesa and Elk Ridge, according to my neighbors. But I rarely see them these days. Please keep in mind that sacrificing a native species for the benefit of cattle ranchers is undemocratic, bad for the environment, and will not be looked upon kindly by future generations. NOW is the time to protect these birds, before they become endangered and make planning like this much more cumbersome and expensive.

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.