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Comments: Regarding Kelso Mesa, it was determined by the FS that the central and southern portions as outlined in Alternative D could be manageable as "lands with wilderness characteristics" but it was dropped from the agency Alternative B. Kelso is the last and largest unspoiled area on the Plateau. I have hiked in from Brushy Creek Road in its Northern section, to the North Fork of Escalante Creek and its unspoiled vistas, as well as up from the Middle Fork of Escalante along its Southern Section, I have ridden horseback from Divide Road, across private land with permission, to witness some of its spectacular Old Growth aspens. Opportunity for solitude and a primitive visitation experience is evident everywhere I have been.

I am asking the FS to include Kelso Mesa as "lands with wilderness characteristics", the boundaries of which are defined in Alternative D, as it is consistent with its own analysis of the area, and it needs the special protection that designation will bring.