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

The Manti-La Sal is important to me, and Id like the forest to analyze the Conservation Alternative, in full, in the upcoming Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

As a resident of the southwest, I am reminded daily of the rich natural history, cultures, and biodiversity of our region. Effective management of the Manti-La Sal forest should aim to support these values and prioritize resource preservation and conservation.

The ecologically important old growth forests in Manti-La Sal are part of an increasingly threatened ecosystem of the western mountains as they confront with climate change. They provide habitats for countless animals, plants, and all other sorts of biota; they sequester carbon that would otherwise warm the atmosphere; overall, they cycle the nutrients that we eat and breathe and purify the water we drink. Preserving them is integral to supporting the true value of the Forest.

Additionally, it is imperative that the surrounding community and indigenous tribes that have stewarded the Manti-La Sal for centuries continue to be further consulted on the Forests management. Only with their insight can the land, water, and wildlife respectfully and properly be protected.

Thank you once again for your time, and I hope that the natural and environmental wonders of Manti-La Sal will be in the forefront of your minds when addressing your plan.