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Comments: I am very concerned about climate change and how it is already causing serious environmental problems. These problems affect virtually all resources and uses on the Manti La Sal National Forest. For scoping, it is necessary that the DEIS adequately analyze these problems and how each alternative in the DEIS would add to or reduce these problems. Logging releases harmful carbon into the atmosphere. Cattle eat vegetation that would otherwise hold carbon and the cattle add harmful methane to the atmosphere. Recreational uses and road traffic add dust to the air which may inhibit plant growth and cause earlier snow melt. In short, when the Forest Service approves a human use, that use likely affects the climate in perhaps an incrementally small but cumulatively large way. The DEIS should therefore estimate the "carbon budget" for each analyzed alternative. In other words, to what extent would implementing each alternative cause a net increase or decrease in the release of atmospheric carbon. Without this "carbon budget" approach, the DEIS analysis would be deficient because it would be impossible to know to what extent each alternative would help or hurt the urgent need to begin solving the climate crisis. Thanks for your consideration.