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Dear GMUG Forest Planning Team:

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on the GMUG Draft Forest Plan.

Hello! My name is Rivkah Raffaeli. I live and work in central Nebraska, but I have spent a lot of time in every part of Colorado. I love the natural treasures found in this state, and I deeply wish to preserve them. I feel especially strong about the delicate tundra and areas I frequent when I climb 14ers. 14er climbing is becoming more of an ego based activity, rather than an a sport enjoyed by nature lovers. Therefore, many uneducated folks wander to high elevations, in hope of bagging an easy summit, and treat the landscape badly. Many hike off trail, camp on tundra, and leave there poop wherever they want. Is it possible to post more signage emphasizing more strongly the importance of staying on trail, keeping your feet and body off the tundra past tree line etc. I have climbed 45 14ers to this day and there is very little information posted anywhere to emphasize the importance of these decisions. I would love to help! I am in Colorado much of my summer break, and usually for a week or more in fall. Hopefully this is helpful. Thank you for all you do!

Sincerely,

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