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Comments: "Gone forever" is a frightening thought, and would be a shameful legacy. And that's what will happen if we allow vast areas of wilderness to be lost to the special interests of the extraction industries. As you revise the GMUG management plan, Alternative "D" is the only one that will provide maximum protection for our remaining wilderness, and this is the alternative you MUST select. It designates 261,000 acres for protection, and has been endorsed by multiple citizen groups as well as the counties of Gunnison, San Miguel, and Ouray. According to the State of Colorado, currently 478,000 acres in Colorado are under oil and gas leases; add to that the current shift away from fossil fuel energy use. I cannot find a figure on how many acres are in timber production, or under grazing leases. But it adds up to a lot more land than even Alternative D proposes to protect. Please, do your part to ensure our children can see wilderness as nature made it. Protect our -- and our childrens' -- GMUG. Thank you.