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Comments: Please consider the Conservation Alternative for the Manti-La Sal's revised forest plan

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Forest Supervisor, Manti-La Sal National Forest

Dear Manti-La Sal National Forest,

I am writing with deep concern and urgency, The Manti-La Sal National

Forest is important not only to nearby Utah communities, but to all who

appreciate and rely on the innumerable benefits the forest provides.

Foremost, Native peoples have relied on the land encompassed by the

national forest for many generations to center their cultures and

provide sustenance. In revising the forest plan, the Forest Service

must respect its obligation to meaningfully consult with local Tribes

to learn from their knowledge and address their concerns.

The revision of the forest plan comes at a critical time: the impacts

of climate change are already becoming apparent as the Colorado Plateau

gets hotter and drier. It is imperative that the revised forest plan

squarely addresses future conditions by considering the impacts of, and

adapting to, climate change. The Forest Service must use the revision

process to implement additional measures to conserve resources within

the Manti-La Sal National Forest such as water, native plants, old

trees, wildlife, and wildlands.

The Conservation Alternative prepared by conservation organizations and

concerned citizens addresses the importance of Tribal consultation and

adapting to the impacts of climate change. I ask that you fully analyze

and consider the Conservation Alternative as one of the formal alternatives developed in the upcoming draft environmental impact statement.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and your time regarding this important issue.

Sincerely,

Jodi Rodar