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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 about the revised forest plan for the Manti-La Sal

National Forest. 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.

Sincerely,

Diane Luck