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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,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on 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 effects

from climate change are already getting worse including making the

Colorado Plateau hotter and drier. It is essential that the revised

forest plan directly addresses even worse future conditions. It must

consider all the consequences from and necessary adaptations 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,

Bruce Hlodnicki