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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,

My comments concern 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 also to all those 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 consult meaningfully with local Tribes to learn from

their knowledge and address their concerns.

The forest plan revision comes at a critical time, with climate change

impacts already apparent as the Colorado Plateau becomes hotter and

drier. The revised forest plan must squarely address 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 Manti-La Sal National Forest resources such as

water, native plants, old trees, wildlife, and wildlands.

The Conservation Alternative supported by conservation organizations

and concerned citizens addresses the importance of Tribal consultation

and adapting to climate change impacts. I urge you to fully analyze and consider the Conservation Alternative as one of the formal alternatives developed in the upcoming draft environmental impact statement.

Sincerely,