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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Manti-La Sal Draft Revised Forest Plan.

The Manti-La Sal is an incredibly diverse and spectacular region that includes aspen groves, mountain lakes, stands of giant ponderosa pine, and rocky crags perched high above Utah's canyon country. It's one of the few places where you can stand in a snowy forest of pine and spruce while looking out for hundreds of miles across valleys, canyons, and redrock desert fins.

More importantly, the forest is a critical watershed of the Colorado Plateau, sustaining life in the surrounding redrock canyon country, including Bears Ears National Monument. As climate change and drought become our new reality in the West, protecting watersheds fed by mountain snowpack is more important than ever. The water, wilderness, native plants, and wildlife habitat of the Manti-La Sal need our help to survive and thrive.

The Forest should be managed for preservation of these incredible assets for generations to come. To that end, please fully analyze and consider the "Conservation Alternative" as the Forest Service develops its new plan to insure management of a healthy forest over the next several decades.