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Comments: I am glad that at length the Forest Plan for Manti-La Sal is being revised and updated. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Manti-La Sal Draft Revised Forest Plan.

The Manti-La Sal is a very important area for the entire surrounding region and watershed. Concerned citizens and groups have developed a Conservation Alternative, a comprehensive proposal for responsible forest management. I urge the Forest Service to analyze the Conservation Alternative, in full, in the upcoming Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

In addition, I also urge the agency to protect wilderness quality lands wherever possible, as these are a limited resource. In particular it is vital that the ROS classes protect presently road-less and primitive areas for non-motorized uses and not allow motorized recreation where it is not already allowed. This is important for the protection of wildlife, the ecosystem and all its resources.

I also urge the agency to preserve old growth forests and native vegetation, including woodlands of pinion pine and juniper, and sensitive high alpine plant life. These kinds of areas, and the wildlife dependent on them, have suffered in the Manti-La Sal and other federally managed lands, and deserve protection.

It is of the utmost importance that the Forest Plan place a very high priority on the protection and preservation of sites of cultural importance to Native Americans, and include Native Nations in the planning and final decision process.

Thank you for your consideration.