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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 important to me, and I'd like the Forest Service to analyze the Conservation Alternative, in full, in the upcoming Draft Environmental Impact Statement. In addition, I'd also like the agency to...

On Sunday, October 10th, five days ago, I drove Utah Highway 95 south from Hanksville to the turnoff into Natural Bridges National Monument. From there I proceeded to the dirt road through that section of the national forest leading up to and between the ears of the great bear. In the small turnout I parked and walked along a stretch of the road and through a section of trail leading up the north ear. It was quiet save for the occasional guttural croaking of overhead ravens. The air was dry and clear and it seemed as though I could reach out and touch Monument Valley.

In the forest through which I had risen for those six miles to be in that place, the Utah juniper and Gambrel oaks, below and around me, were a living carpet filled with life, helping to hold the great rocks together.

I have visited the area several times before this, but it was my first climb to the summit; and I thought then, as I think now, that we have been truly blessed with this place; how could we ever allow it to be degraded or harmed.