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Comments: I want to thank you for allowing public input in the upcoming Draft Environmental Impact Statement. I appreciate everything you do in managing the precious natural resources in Manti-La Sal National Forest.

The Manti-La Sal is very close to my heart. I grew up coming here often on family camping trips exploring the beautiful area. As an adult, it is the place I go to decompress and to ground myself. I also recognize that the time I spent in the Manti-La Sal wilderness shaped my love for nature and ultimately led to my study of natural science. Wilderness is a dwindling resource around the globe so it is critical that we manage and protect this area for future generations.

I ask that the forest service analyzes the Conservation Alternative, in full, in the upcoming Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The Conservation Alternative is the most comprehensive proposal in responsible forest management and it should be adopted in its entirety.

The Manti-La Sal should consider and adopt the proposed recreation opportunity spectrum (ROS) classes in the Forest Service's current draft and not allow motorized recreation in areas that are currently protected. Manti-La Sal also should protect and preserve cultural sites as well partner with Native nations in the planning process.

Thank you for taking the time to read my thoughts. On a final note, I urge you to think about the importance of wilderness while working on this plan.