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Comments: Dear GMUG Managers,

As a resident of Mesa County and frequent visitor to the Grand Mesa both in summer and in winter, I wanted to add my comments to this forest plan for the GMUG.

In general, I am a proponent of non-motorized recreation whether that be hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, horseback riding, backpacking, etc. I think the GMUG, the environment, and the state of Colorado benefit the most from non-motorized recreation.

Moving forward, I will concentrate my comments on which plans I prefer for summer and winter. For summer, I prefer the Alt D Summer ROS. I also think that the Grand Mesa itself could benefit from a long hiking trail from east to west and/or north to south. The varied terrain and the relatively pristine nature of the Mesa would make it a desirable through-hike and could bring valuable tourism dollars to the communities surrounding the Mesa while keeping the environmental issues from motorized travel at bay.

For winter, I also prefer the Alt D Winter ROS. As a rank-and-file member of the Grand Mesa Nordic Council, I support the plan that promotes the most non-motorized travel.

Please remember that the decisions we make today will affect the future, and that if we do not protect what wild places we have left, we may soon find ourselves without any wild places at all.

Thanks for your time and attention.