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Comments: Wildlife & wetlands should be protected in the planned revision for the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison national forests.

As a birder, I often visit these beautiful forested areas, and I worry that roadless areas, wilderness, and imperiled and sensitive species will be forgotten in the revised plan.

Therefore:

1. "Recommended Wilderness" should be applied to the wildlands, not just to 34,000 acres as in Alt. B. Alt. D is better since it at least protects 261,000 acres.

Also adding wildlands on the north side of the Uncompahgre Wilderness would be even better.

2. Reduce the number of acres for logging. The draft plan appears designed to maximize future commercial logging, even though these forests are much more valuable for conserving biological diversity and recreation than they ever could be for timber production.

3. The plan should add imperiled and sensitive species, e.g., Bighorn Sheep, Northern Goshawk, and Western Bumblebee - to the list of "species of conservation concern." Habitat protection is a must to maintain these species.

We've already lost 23 species to extinction. The Forest Service must do its part to protect wildlands and wildlife.

Revise the plan accordingly.