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Comments: Thanks for this opportunity to comment. I have lived in Paonia since 1975 and continue to enjoy the opportunity to hike the national forest's backcountry and ski its non-motorized trails on Grand Mesa. Both are tremendous amenities that make my life in western Colorado better. About your logging plans: Given the climate change crisis we are all facing, I do not support cutting trees; I support planting them. I only support logging if the rationale is to head off wildfires. As I recall, the mission of the Forest Service is to protect and enhance its watersheds, the source of water for agriculture and communities below the high country. Your plan should embrace this mission completely. This would enhance the land you manage and the wildlife that depends on a healthy living place. The old days of being the right hand of energy extraction and logging are over in this new world of megadrought and curtailment.