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Comments: Dear Sir or Madam,
I am a San Miguel County resident and spend a lot of time recreating in the National Forests around Ouray, Silverton, and Telluride. I have also spent a lot of time hiking and biking in the Elk Mtns and West Raggeds as well.
Our National Forests in these areas are some of the most beautiful in the world and deserve the utmost protection so that the beauty, solitude and pristine nature of these areas will be there for all who need and desire this experience.
In addition I have had the great pleasure of viewing and photographing amazing wildlife in all these areas; herds of elk, deer, bighorn sheep, fox, badger, hawks, and eagles. These areas need to be preserved to keep the wildlife healthy.
I have been told that the Bear Creek area just south of Ouray is involved in a possible new Forest Service plan and I go there all the time and the beauty is magnificent! Please make sure that none of these places will be left open for destructive uses as they are far too rare and special to be ruined that way.
Thanks very much for your consideration,
Laurie Markovitz