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Comments: To the Forest Service Planning Team;

My hope is that this letter like so many has written for protecting the region of the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and the Gunnison Wilderness, will be reviewed with the greatest concern for the eco-systems in our part of the world.

My family migrated to Colorado over fifty years ago to this area of Colorado. I have made Colorado home for 25 years raising kids and enjoying the beauty that is Colorado. The North Fork Valley is home for me.

The region that is up for concern is my beloved Grand Mesa and the surrounding wilderness. My family partly migrated to Colorado in 1964. My parents decided to purchase a small hunting cabin atop the Grand Mesa. The cabin was small with one bedroom. That all we needed! The wilderness is all around for outdoor adventures of every kind for 3-months a year. Yes, very privileged, my Dad a high school Biology teacher taught us kids how to observe life in the field and to note what we observed.

My lifetime has seen so much devastation to the natural systems on Earth that effects are horrifying, as foundation eco-systems are failing at a catastrophic rate, into free-falling extinction. We should be more than concerned.

There is no amount of profit to replace what is sacred and priceless in our region more than saving our wilderness from SHORT-TERM gains. We need to reflect and do the right thing in protecting our valuable resources from further eco-devastation. We are in the 11th hour. A minute before midnight.

This letter is not an emotional one, rather a call of responsibility as stewards of the region to stop the devastations of deforestation, Oil and Gas Exploration, and extractions of any kind. The failure to protect our region's eco-systems will create an environment that cannot support these fragile systems that will cascade to free-falling extinction.

These are not fables of fallacy, we are seeing this kind of extinction on a global scale.

The area of the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison Wilderness is home o the region's most precious resources that we need to protect. We have run out of options except to protect these areas from further destruction...

Sincere Regards,

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