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Comments: Thank you for all of the work you've done in regard to the GMUG Forest Plan. I am advocating for the highest level of protections. We no longer live in a time where simply conserving the land is an option. We must consider the preservation of these lands now and for future generations. I regularly hike, canoe and fish on the Grand Mesa. Often times with grandchildren where I pass on to them the belief that "Leave No Trace" applies to all activities on public lands. I encountered my first Black Bear while hiking the Uncompahgre. We greeted each other, then went our separate ways. My wife and I greatly appreciate the opportunities to view wildflowers, raptors, and the numerous varieties of wildlife that call these areas home. I am calling for a plan that protects air, water, flora and fauna to the highest degree. It is our calling to do so. Thank you.