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Comments: My husband and I live in the Ridgway area, close to the San Juan Range. We both prefer quiet, uncrowded experiences in the GMUG. We both rock climb and hike. I also x-country ski and ice climb. I'm the Chair of the Western Slope Group of the Colorado Mountain Club. I'm also the Treasurer of the Ouray Climbers Alliance. However, my comments are as a private individual.

First let me mention what I do \*not\* prefer - Plans A & C. Staying with the status quo, Plan A, does not make sense as times have changed. And, I do not like the increase in motorized access in Plan C. There are already too many noisy vehicles in the GMUG.

In general, I am in favor of Plan D. Here's what I like about it:

- The larger number of acres recommended for wilderness. I do prefer that the new wilderness designations not impact usage and access for quiet, non-motorized activities such as climbing, skiing and hiking.
- Fewer acres suitable for timber production, timber sales, etc. I am concerned about the loss of forested areas and how that will impact climate change.
- More non-motorized settings and less motorized settings. A big plus!
- The inclusion of citizen proposals for Special Management Areas.

I support the Special Management Area and wilderness recommendations in the "Community Conservation Proposal" as long as they do not adversely affect usage and access for non-motorized recreational activities such as hiking, climbing and skiing. Please work with organizations such as the Access Fund and the Colorado Mountain Club to preserve usage and access to climbing and recreation areas.

Thank you for allowing GMUG users like myself to comment on the proposals.