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Comments: Dear GMUG Forest Planning Team:

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input into the GUMG Draft Forest Plan.

I support option D as being the most appropriate to preserve and protect the maximum amount of pristine and primitive wilderness. I believe this is a critical element of the statewide protection of natural resources including watersheds, flora and fauna populations, and scenic landscapes. Additional development, aside from that done to improve dedicated management efforts by both public and approved private entities, should be limited to the greatest degree possible.

Statewide, climate change and usage demands associated with population growth present the greatest challenges to managing our unique wilderness footprint. Every effort should be extended to limit developmental impacts in primitive and pristine areas. This should be and remain a paramount goal for conservation efforts across Colorado.