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Comments: I have already submitted separate comments in an attached document a week ago. I'd like to add to those my support for the following:

Baldy and Bear Creek as recommended wilderness

Bear Creek as Wild and Scenic River eligible. Providing these areas with special status will protect their wilderness and free-flowing river values, and will aid in the Biden Administration's 30x30 initiative to protect and set aside lands for biodiversity.

identification of bighorn sheep as a Species of Conservation Concern. Bighorn sheep continue to struggle across many parts of the GMUG, and are not fully occupying the available habitat. Identifying them as species of conservation concern will help FS range and recreation staff to make the hard management decisions to control threats like domestic sheep grazing and mew trail development and trail use in the alpine.

I oppose the high acreage levels identified as suitable for timber harvest. If USFS puts forth unsustainable levels like these, there will be congressional and industry pressure to attain a higher level of harvest, no matter the ecological cost. These numbers are unsustainable from a soil standpoint until the new steep terrain techniques can be fully evaluated. They are also unsustainable given the predicted forest loss from climate change. In terms of broad direction, I support the Community Wilderness and Special Management Area Plan. I feel the highest and best direction for GMUG lands at this time of Climate crisis and global mass extinction is to be a refugia for Nature, biodiversity, carbon sink, and to provide clean air and water.