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Comments: Dear GMUG Planning Committee,

Thank you for your hard work so far on the process of revising the GMUG Forest Plan. As a frequent user of the GMUG forest for recreation, solitude, connection to my environment, and so much more, I deeply value the decisions that the Planning Committee will make in regards to further management of the GMUG National Forest.

Firstly, I would like to emphasize the importance of designating the area surrounding Lone Cone as eligible for Wilderness designation. The area was found to have significant wilderness attributes and these should not be downplayed in the creation of the area as a special management area- the wildlife in this zone is significant enough that it should be designated Wilderness.

I would also like to advocate for the designation of the West Side of Ophir as semi-primitive non-motorized, as concerns for lynx habitat in this area, as well as the general safety of users, are significant.

Additionally, I believe it is imperative to designate Bridal Veil and Ingram Falls as Wild and Scenic. Visitors and locals alike who are living in the Telluride region cherish these landscapes and their protection is of utmost importance not only for the people who share the Box Canyon with these falls, but also have wildlife values that should be honored to the best of our capability. The Keystone Gorge is another segment of river which I hope can be designated as "wild" as it is free flowing, and holds significant value for this fact alone.

Finally, the areas within the GMUG that are part of the Colorado Outdoor Recreation and Economy Act have been determined through public stakeholder processes to be satisfactory for multiple types of users and stakeholders. They should be incorporated in their entirety, including Special Management Areas around the Liberty Bell and Sheep Mountain Areas, into Alternative B.

Once again, thank you for your hard work and continued consideration of the GMUG Forest Plan Revision.