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Dear supervisor Stewart,

Our water resources are critical to the future of the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre and Gunnison National Forests. Protecting waterways that are free-flowing and have outstandingly remarkable values is essential to preserving some of our forest's most valuable assets. During the forest plan revision process, the USFS must assess whether rivers on the GMUG are free-flowing and possess one or more remarkable values. Please consider this comment when evaluating eligibility for our rivers.

I believe that Cow Creek meets the eligibility criteria for wild and scenic of its free-flowing nature and outstandingly remarkable values. Specifically, this stream is unique for the following reasons:

- Drains the Uncompahgre wilderness
- Free flowing to junction w/ Uncompahgre wilderness
- Trout Fishery
- Wildlife Enhancement

Sincerely,

Karen Risch