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Comments: I urge BLM to protect relic old growth Ponderosa forests such as found adjacent to Utah's Coral Pink Sand Dunes Park managed by the Paria River District BLM Office in Kanab, Utah . These four hundred year old Ponderosas need special designation as a area of critical concern or a similar designation to protect them from ORV incursion which has increased and places the groves in peril from erosion caused by vehicles trespassing over dunes protecting the Ponderosas groves. I urge BLM to monitor Juniper and Pinon trees in this and similar habitats as well, and to close ORV routes that undermine the soil and vegetation that these forests depend on for growth and sustainability. I regularly recreate and enjoy this rare and natural environment. It constitutes as well; protection of the aquafer that is our culinary water supply. I urge a through and comprehensive inventory of this and similar forests in Utah to conserve water in this ongoing and severe drought. Thank You