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Comments: Dear reviewing officer,

This letter serves as my request to be included as an interested person in this objection process. I have contributed to a group objection on behalf of the Center for Biological Diversity (CBD) submitted September 6, 2022. CBD, along with other organizations, continues to have concerns about grazing in riparian areas; as well as continued development of water sources to support an unsustainable industry; concerns over Forest Service unwillingness to enforce grazing permits and hold permittees accountable; lack of monitoring of riparian areas; lack of enforceable and applicable standards and guidelines for grazing; and continued undue degradation of imperiled species' habitat in record drought. We also voiced concerns over motorized recreation, mining, protection of recommended wilderness and eligible wild and scenic rivers, protection of old growth forests and habitats for Mexican spotted owl, management of fire adapted ecosystems for fire based restoration with minimal, strategic use of mechanical treatments, and identification and protection of culturally important areas. Expanded discussion of all of these issues and concerns can be found in our coalition objection letter in the project reading room.

Thank you for the opportunity to be involved in this public process.