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Comments: I wish to urge the USFS to adopt Alternative A to ensure protections of the critical wildlife habitat in the affected areas. This is vitally important to also protect our valuable and often threatened water supplies. The proposed withdrawal strikes an appropriate balance, respecting existing leases while ensuring that new leasing does not occur for the next 20 years and jeopardize the area's critical habitat values. Finally, local economies are vitally linked to the preservation of these habitats.

Thank you for your careful consideration.

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