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Delta County Livestock Association (DCLA) is a local grassroots organization representing local livestock producers from through out Delta County. Many of the members of DCLA are Forest Service Permittees, as well as recreation users (hunting, fishing, snowmobiling and more) and will be impacted by the Draft Forest Plan. The Board submits the following comments.

[bull] Our preferred Alternative is C

[bull] In addition to providing food and fiber, the ranches that are near the GMUG and rely upon the USFS grazing allotments as part of their operation provide vast amounts of wildlife habitat, help maintain the view shed, and assist in protecting the environment from further subdivision. It[rsquo]s crucial to keep these ranches on the landscape.

[bull] Rangelands should be included in the GMUG plan as a carbon sink

[bull] Cattle are no more a source of Carbon Dioxide (CO2) than any other breathing animal on the landscape.

[bull] [ldquo]Extreme weather events[rdquo] and references to [ldquo]future climate conditions[rdquo] should not be used as decision-making factors in this document.

[bull] [ldquo]Citizen science[rdquo] should not be used as a basis for decision making. There is a distinct difference from educated stakeholder involvement such as permittee monitoring and [ldquo]citizen science[rdquo]

[bull] More emphasis should be placed on grazing to reduce fuel loads which consequently reduce the duration and intensity of wildland fires.

[bull] Overgrazing does not continue to be a concern for sage grouse habitat. Managed grazing in the norm. This is an inaccurate statement that should be removed from the GMUG plan

[bull] Before implementing changes to allotment management, it should first be determined if livestock is the causal factor of changing conditions or resources

[bull] Recreation should not be a higher priority than other multiple use activities. Other multiple uses such as grazing are equally important and should not be negatively impacted by decisions for increased recreational opportunities.

[bull] There is a lot of very subjective language in the plan for example [ldquo]positive visitor satisfaction[rdquo] which can not be accurately measured or monitored. Subjective language should not be used in management plans.

Respectfully

Delta County Livestock Association Board of Directors