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Comments: My Name is Charles (Chase) Roeber I live in the Paonia area and help manage a Centennial Ranch on at the base of Lamborn mountain. In turn I help manage the Federal Permit that the ranch holds on the Gunnison National Forest. I have a degree in range management and have seen resilience built in to the range by utilizing livestock as a tool. With that in mind I submit the following comments.

* I support Alternative C

* In addition to providing food and fiber, ranches like the one I manage that 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's crucial to keep these ranches on the landscape.

* Rangelands should be included in the GMUG plan as a carbon sink. There are studies published on the grasslands and their ability to sequester carbon.

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

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

* [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]

* More emphasis should be placed on grazing to reduce fuel loads.

* Overgrazing does not continue to be a concern for sage grouse habitat. Managed grazing in the norm.

* Before implementing changes to allotment management, time and/or numbers, it should first be determined if livestock is the causal factor of changing conditions or resources concerns.

* 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.

* 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 Chase Roeber