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Forest Management, Oppose Combining

WHEREAS: a new draft report entitled "Architecture for Change: Interim Report of the Forest Service Management Team" makes a number of recommendations designed to increase efficiency in the U.S. Forest Service, ,a laudable goal, and

WHEREAS: some of these recommendations lead to preliminary consideration of a plan to combine Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, Gunnison, White River, San Juan, Rio Grande and possibly Routt National Forests under a single Forest Management Plan, which would be an unfortunate and ill-advised result, and

WHEREAS: CLUB 20 has always supported maximum input in planning processes for the local people who must live with such management decisions, and

WHEREAS: such unified planning would have the effect of making local involvement more difficult, and making involvement of state and national interest groups easier, and

WHEREAS: there is no evidence that such combined planning would save money or make management more efficient,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that CLUB 20 believes Western Colorado's National Forests should continue to be managed as separate and unique areas, and that local involvement in the planning process should be enhanced, not limited.

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