



town to the Hominy Creek site, where the Uinta Mountainsnail is found. Cedarview is one of several small rural communities that exist between Roosevelt and the Farm Creek drainage - in the Uinta Mountains. The Hominy Creek site is a part of this drainage. I am a fifth generation Utahn, and my family has deep roots in this area, and this central part of the south slope of the Uinta Mountains, where the Uinta Mountainsnail exists. My ancestors and relatives have farmed in this area for many years. My father taught school and raised livestock on our family farm. I've followed his footsteps by becoming a school teacher myself, and by continuing to help on the farm.

4. My family depends on consistent water delivery and good water quality provided by Uinta Mountain watersheds.

5. I have traveled extensively throughout the south slope of the Uinta Mountains, including the Hominy Creek area, since I was young - for recreation, personal enjoyment, and hunting. One of my first memories of deer hunting was when my dad took my brothers and I to Hominy Creek. We didn't get any deer but we enjoyed being together and observing the diverse flora and fauna. A few years later when my brothers and I hunted in the vicinity of Hominy Creek and Farm Creek we found rocky slopes that were full of fossil remnants of the sea life that once existed in the area. I enjoy seeing fossils and learning about past life forms in the area, as well as learning about the diverse current life forms. I plan to continue to learn about and enjoy the ecology of the Uinta Mountains, including the Hominy Creek area where the Uinta Mountainsnail is found.

6. I wonder how many millions of years the Uinta Mountainsnail has lived and evolved in this area. I would hate to see this unique life form come to an end when there are things we could do to prevent its demise. I would be willing to make whatever changes and

sacrifices are necessary, including curtailing or changing my use of the Uinta Mountainsnail's habitat, to see this species survive and prosper.

7. I enjoy being in the habitats that the Uinta Mountainsnail lives in, and I would enjoy finding them there and observing them. As a science teacher at a residential treatment center I enjoy teaching students from all over the United States, and some from outside of the United States, about the diverse life forms found in nature - and found in this part of the world in particular. I strive to share with my students a knowledge and appreciation of why biodiversity is important. I am amazed at how excited my students get when they see and learn about species they hadn't seen or known about before.

8. Knowing that the last remaining population of Uinta Mountainsnail may easily be eradicated by anthropogenic causes, such as the poorly designed roads in the area (which I have traveled and documented), livestock grazing, timber cutting and/or prescribed fires set by the government is a source of great harm to my professional and spiritual well being and to my aesthetic interests.

9. Since I derive aesthetic and recreational value from viewing diverse flora and fauna I am therefore harmed by the continued decline of species viability and diversity, including the one remaining Uinta Mountainsnail population that is so close to my home.

10. My educational, scientific, aesthetic, spiritual, civic, and conservation interests continue to be adversely affected and irreparably harmed each day that passes with this last remaining population of Uinta Mountainsnail languishing in unprotected status.

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Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed at Roosevelt, Utah, June 24, 2005.

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