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Thank you for considering my comment. I do not support any exception to the Roadless Rule, especially for coal mining because of its adverse effects on climate and the destructive nature of mining it.

I also travel to Colorado frequently for vacation. I would hate to see what is happening to the Appalachian mountains happen in Colorado. Mounttop removal or any land destruction for coal needs to be phased out starting now.

Because roadless areas support prime wildlife habitat that is critical to the survival and recovery of Colorado's remaining populations of native cutthroat trout.

The numbers tell the story about what roadless areas encompass:

?More than 75% of the remaining habitat for Greenback cutthroats

?Nearly 60% of the remaining habitat for Rio Grande cutthroats

?More than 70% of the remaining habitat for Colorado River cutthroats

Native trout and dirt roads are not good partners. Backcountry streams that support native trout are often narrow, not very deep and can experience very low seasonal flows. A single severe thunderstorm can flush so much sediment into a stream that spawning areas are smothered and fish suffocated.

Colorado hunters support roadless protections because they harbor some of the state's best big game habitat: More than 50% of elk summer concentration and production areas are in roadless areas, and the 15 most hunted Game Management Units in Colorado all have more than 66,000 acres of roadless lands.

Leave the Roadless Rule in place. Tell the coal business to transition to clean renewables.