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Comments:

The proposal to reinstate the Colorado Roadless Rule of 2012 with the exception for the North Fork Coal Mining Area (for the exploration and development of coal extraction) previously vacated by the District Court of Colorado in June of 2014 for failure to properly determine environmental impacts is an ill-conceived effort in support of the coal industry regardless of short and long-term effects locally, state-wide and nationally.

The proposal is bad for wildlife, bad for hunters and hikers (all recreationists), bad for the climate, bad for the ever-increasing number of citizens with respiratory conditions and bad for anyone and anything who breathes. The entire world is moving away from dirty coal (there is no other kind) and toward renewable energy sources that do not pollute the air and soil and that have a much smaller carbon footprint. Even China is moving in that direction now.

With the existing federal commitment to green energy and clean air, why in the world is the Forest Service proposing to allow a coal extraction company to build roads in a roadless area, thereby destroying forests needed to clean our air and protect wildlife habitats and migration routes as well as outdoor recreation businesses? The ultimate end of the road-building is to provide coal to burn as an energy source that will increase air pollution while the EPA is releasing rules to reduce air pollution - how does that make any sense?

Forest Service, get in line with the other federal agencies working to clean our air, water and soil to provide a healthy environment for our grand children and protect local businesses dependent upon the forests for their economy, not put profits in the pockets of polluters who do not live there at the expense of the health and welfare of all of us.

This is a bad move by the Forest Service. Please step back and take a clear look at what you are doing against public outcry of the citizenry, a court order, and common sense.