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To Whom it May Concern: I am writing today as a citizen of Gunnison County. I am adamantly opposed to the expansion of coal mining operations in our roadless areas of the Gunnison National Forest. Regarding this particular expansion, it is home to a more or less complete and functioning ecosystem that is home to mature forests of spruce, fir and aspen. There is also a large and diverse population of big game that would be harmed by this industrial intrusion into their home. This land has far more value to the local community as a place to hunt, fish, hike and other recreation activities. Furthermore, the extraction of dirty coal would exacerbate air pollution and climate change. Please keep this area roadless and free of industrial extraction.

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