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Comments:

I went to college in Colorado and have maintained ties to the area, and I am very much opposed to the degradation and negative impacts to one of the most beautiful states in the Union as well as the problems that this exception to the Colorado Roadless Rule represents. It does not make sense to me for the EPA to engage in greenhouse gas regulation on one hand and on the other hand to have another government agency promote the mining and use/export of coal. There is no rational reason to approve this exception that will lead to continuing exploration and development of coal resources on the Grand Mesa, Uncompahgre, and Gunnison (GMUG) National Forests. I am personally familiar with this area and am very much opposed to the environmental damage and destruction that is inevitable by the development of the North Fork Coal Mining Area. To add insult to injury, it is well known that the US Government does not get a fair price for the coal extracted on public lands, and I am very much opposed to this public subsidy to the coal industry that is endangering the public health of Colorado, our country, and our planet. I request and urge that this description to the Roadless Rule be disapproved. Thank you.