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Dear Forest Service representative,

I am writing once again to ask you to defend Colorado's roadless areas. I hope that the Roadless Rule is strong enough to resist this attempt to allow the coal mining "carve-out" to be re-instated. I don't believe there will be any new findings sufficient to reverse the September, 2014 court ruling, but a new EIS poses that risk.

Once greenhouse gas emissions are calculated, it will be more than obvious that coal mining and burning exacerbate harmful CO2 levels, which have bypassed the 400 ppm mark, well above the 350 ppm danger mark. We need to do all we can to reverse this trend, for myriad reasons relating to survival.

Will the loss of trees cleared to make way for coal mining be considered in this calculation? Not only does coal pollute, but the loss of trees reduces the amount of carbon sequestration these trees provide. This is double-jeopardy, and must be part of the equation.

I read just the other day that the Bank of America is no longer financing coal operations. This is a huge step for a huge financial institution. They cite that there will be diminishing returns in the industry, as coal phases out, along with environmental concerns. I hope the Forest Service can see into the not-so-distant future, and arrive at the same conclusion as B of A.

Please don't continue to support Arch Coal instead of the American public's need to survive. Roadless Areas are meant to be forever-coal is not.

Thank you for thinking of the future for us and our descendants.

Sincerely,

Sue Navy