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Dear USFS,

It is clear that throughout the United States there is a strong movement away from coal and the effects that mining and burning coal have on climate change. Even Bank of America recently announced it is cutting off financing to companies involved in coal mining. I encourage you to recognize that short term benefits to the North Fork of the Gunnison, and the country at large, do not outweigh the long term costs of continued reliance on fossil fuels and a boom/bust economy that has no future.

When managed for multiple uses, the National Forests have a higher purpose than coal extraction, especially when it would occur in roadless areas. There should be no carve out or loophole in the Colorado Roadless Rule. The Sunset roadless area should be protected for wildlife, hunting, recreation, and water quality. Coal's dwindling contribution to the local economy, and Arch Coal profits, do not justify sacrificing the few remaining roadless areas to dirty energy development.

Thank you,

Rob Burnett