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Dear Secretary Vilsack,

I urge you to direct the U.S. Forest Service to not reopen the coal mining loophole in the Colorado Roadless Rule.

reopening the loophole will apparently benefit just one company--Arch Coal-- while paving the way for coal mining up to 350 million tons of dirty coal. This could unleash more than half a billion tons of carbon pollution-- more than three years worth of carbon emissions from all human sources in the state of Colorado.

halting the worst damage from climate change, requires that we keep much of the world's fossil fuel reserves in the ground. Moreover, more coal mining will also undermine President Obama's commitment to reducing climate pollution. Additionally, valuable habitat will be harmed or destroyed.

Thanks for your consideration and service

Sincerely,

Steph Lady