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The Forest Service should reject the Arch Coal Loophole to protect our public lands, our climate, the good of the American people. and this work of Nature's beauty. Therefore, please use the authority of your position to reject the Arch Coal Loophole. Thank you. Wishing you & yours blessings.

This is the American Peoples Land! Leave it alone and don't ruin what little we have left.

WHAT were you thinking? NO one wants this except big coal, and it belongs to FORM.

Building roads

and well pads in roadless forest destroys the isolation and quiet that many Americans, such as myself, find valuable. Additionally, and more importantly, the resulting carbon pollution will increase the rate of global warming, which has brought extreme weather challenges to many in America, and which threatens to irreversibly disrupt the ecological balance our present world depends on.

I urge you to reject the proposed Arch Coal Loophole. Our national parks should be protected forever from the encroachment of big business.

Perhaps the decision makers should make personal visits to the hospitals serving patients with health issues related to lung issues and the effects pollution has on young, undeveloped lungs in infants and young children. Decision makers need to see first hand the effects people are presently dealing with BEFORE they vote to allow more toxins into our lives. The inability to breathe clean air is the surest way to destroy a human's life on this planet, not to mention the impact it has on the entire ecosystems and the all the other animals that make up planet earth.

Do the right thing and help protect our planet NOW!

America does not need more coal; we need more visionary leadership from you.

Please protect our public lands and NOT corporate profits!!!  
PLEASE!!!!!!!!!!!!

Protected lands are shrinking in number. Please keep this land in Colorado for the people and wildlife. Once gone, it's forever.

I have to ask: who is getting the kickbacks? Why else would The Forest Service propose this. Go ahead tell me. I really am listening and so are our four kids, their partners, and my nine grandchildren.

Stop obliterating entire places and ecosystems for this dirty coal. The Montana/Wyoming coal is cleaner and involves much less destruction. Stop bulldozing Appalachia, this is cultural and ecological genocide. It must be outlawed now!!!

Only an appalling lack of judgement would see the arch Coal loophole reverse the strides taken to safe guard our lands for future generations.

There is no possible trade off worth jeopardising our precious lands. They grow more precious with each passing generation, as they become smaller & smaller, abused & stolen by oil, mining, logging, & sheep & cattle barons' interests. Please close the loop home & save our countryside.

Public land belongs to the American people, and we want to see those lands protected for future generations.

Unbelievable that you would consider this proposal! ? Please reject the proposed loophole!  
Short and (not) sweet: STOP THE ASSAULT ON FORM LANDS!

Coal is a dying energy source. In ten years, we'll hardly be using it. There is no reason to help sustain its use. I know there are powerful interests that think otherwise.

If the TRUE COST of the coal (including the cost to public health and the environment, not to mention a fair compensation to the American people for the loss of the habitat, the trees themselves, and the price of the coal) was properly assessed, this deal wouldn't even be up for consideration.

We don't need more coal mines, especially if they involve roads in a wilderness area. Let's concentrate instead on renewable power

sources!

As someone well aware of the gross pollution we get from the use of coal, I strongly urge you to reject the proposed Arch Coal Loophole. Any way you slice it, this is a raw deal for the American people. Burning coal is the biggest source of mercury contamination in our environment as well as contributing to global climate disruption.

Our wilderness is priceless. We must develop clean ways of providing the energy we need in our "modern" lives. Land preservation assures a healthy and beautiful country.

What's in it for you to allow for this rape of the CO landscape on behalf of old, pollutive, big money corporations?

No loophole should be sought for any corporation, especially a coal mining corporation. This is public land, our land, so keep your hands off of it.

Are we short of coal? I do not understand how this is beneficial for our country.

The Forest Service is supposed to uphold protections for our natural areas, not undermine them. Coal is so 1945. Time to move into the 21st Century and preserve our forests and wild areas for future generations -- not destroy them for last century's outdated and soon-to-be obsolete coal use.

These lands belong to all of us. It's just dead wrong to let them be exploited and destroyed by a private concern.

It would be very comforting to know that the Forest Service is more concerned with maintaining our nations forests, in a healthy and sustainable way, than to think they are simply a shill for some coal company. Please, do your job.

I have spent a lot of time with my family both as a child and now a parent in Colorado wilderness areas and it's one of my most favorite places. In fact, I was born in Denver. I understand that energy companies want to keep producing as long as they can, but coal is an unsustainable resource, so they'll have to face reality sooner or later. We can't encourage development of sustainable energy sources if we continue to make it cheap and easy to use coal.

What an awful project. Stop it please.

This is an unthinkable travesty against the people, against the earth,

against the environment, and it brings future generations closer to catastrophic climate change. Is there no morality among fossil fuel corporations. Where is the government of the people? Where is democracy?

This heedless desecration of our American forests has to stop.

Colorado, is beautiful, I am sure the people of Colorado do not want their land desecrated. I have seen what coal mining can do to the land. Please do not let the Forest Service change our landscape with the ability to mine in this state!!!!

We need to make a greater effort to protect what remains of our wilderness areas.

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And nonpartisans and non-Democrats are able to realize that fact, also.

Don't think for an instant, not for one fleeting instant, that deep, fundamental, and profound criticisms of the powers that be at present at cutting slack for ecological irresponsibility, nor that they are in any way offered as justifications for anything but the best efforts in keeping our nation and our current and emerging technologies responsible for all the outcomes, intended and unintended.

How surprising is it that Arch Coal wants this loophole? Not much. The US Forest Service should not undermine the long-term climate goals of our nation, of human civilization, of responsible governance here

and elsewhere, and of our current President, merely to appease one coal company.

The US Forest Service should reject the Arch Coal Loophole (i) to protect our public forests and lands and (ii) to protect our planet's air blanket and climate for the good of the American people and future generations who live here and elsewhere.

The wilderness is too beautiful to be spoiled for the coal companies when alternative energy sources are not used to their potential. If Arch Coal is going to spoil these woods it will raise others to protest their actions. Please reconsider this action in Colorado.

Whoever proposed such an insane idea needs to be promptly FIRED. This unnecessary trade-off is bad for our forests and public lands, bad for our climate, and bad for the American people...was this a Republican? Because it sure reeks of their grand "ideas."

IF any GROUP is to be supposed TO BE CONCERNED about the Earth HOME it should be the forest service people. Carbon pollution works against our HOME.... Change strategy... PEACE, Henry

I will admit that I am absolutely stunned by this news--the last thing I can imagine being approved by the U.S. Forest Service, which for the last 79 years of my life I expected to protect, not destroy our priceless public lands! Please reconsider this proposal. Please!

This project is not what we need to be doing. It's old-time stuff. Make decisions that are positive for the future, not the same old destroy and dig and pollute.

Please. I am an 81 year-old committed environmentalist since the early 1970's and donor to eco groups. I live as conservation-oriented life as I possibly can. Others can too, starting with not trading wild lands for destruction and coal mining. There are alternatives to coal that are better for our future.

PEOPLE and the PLANET are more important than Profits!

STOP! STOP! STOP! STOP! STOP! STOP! STOP ! STOP! STOP!STOP! STOP!

WHY would you think to destroy such beautiful lands with filthy, stinking coal mining??? You're supposed to be the CARETAKERS of natural lands! Are you getting paid by the mining lobbyists or gifts from coal mine reps???

FO WHAT IS RIGHT. KEEP THIS LAND PRISTINE AND FREE!!! PLEASE!  
PLEASE STOP THIS MISTAKE, NOW!!!

As a licensed, professional geologist, I know that continuing to expand coal mining is bad for the country and our air. Please reject the proposed Arch Coal Loophole

Do you have children and grandchildren? If so, what kind of environmental legacy do you hope to leave them? Many years ago, a very wise chief Seattle said to his people:

"We do not own the earth; it is only on loan to us from future generations."

I strongly urge you, Chief Tidwell, to unequivocally oppose Arch Coal's access to

Colorado's pristine wilderness. If you fail to do that, I promise you that irreparable and irreversible damage will be done to this uniquely beautiful public land.

Why  
degrade our climate, destroy wildlife habitat?

In addition to this message, coal has become un-competitive as a energy source, as evidenced by the current rush to close them down and modify to natural gas. This proposal is not only ludicrous, it's not economical sound. Do you want to be the steward of forests that champions the continued destruction of our environment or start becoming proactive?

Please do not short change President Obama! Let him know you've got his back too through your decision to protect our environment and be genuinely worthy of your place in the Obama Administration!

Climate scientists agree that coal must be left unburned and in the ground. And venting methane from coal mines is a climate disaster.

You should also be asking for a moratorium on all types of fossil-fuel mining on all public lands, and you should be protecting FORM parks and forests from the ravages of private corporations and developers, including Big Lumber, Big Farma, Big Oil, and Big Coal. Remember who you work for and what your charge is, Thomas Tidwell, sir! Thank you.

As a yearly visitor to Colorado, I greatly appreciate the natural beauty of it's natural environment. The great open spaces of this state call more and more visitors each year and your allowing for the elimination of so much of it's beauty.

Please  
reconsider your present proposal and find a better use for our public lands than what you and the coal company are currently planning.

I believe we need to begin thinking of our planet before profits for companies. The current mindset is dangerous to the environment. It

continues the profit at all cost mentality. Let's start using our heads and work on solutions that are viable for everyone.

Please keep the Arch Coal project from happening.

No amount of money could restore this protected land. I doubt that Arch Coal would post a bond to pay for the decades-long costs of externalities that would be borne by citizens, the environment, and the health care system.

We are a country of people first. We are not a pantry of raw materials to be extracted. Public interest in the short and long term clearly trump short term private gain.

Protect public land.

Please do not compromise our beautiful forests to yet another Corporate raider. You are in a position to protect and preserve. I urge you to reject the proposed Arch Coal Loophole.

Please reject the proposed Arch Coal Loophole. This is ridiculous. Stop making the public fight to protect our lands. As the Forest Service you should be protecting our forests and land. Start doing your job and stop supporting individual companies.

This proposal is nothing short of selling out the American peoples right to have these areas as places away from the usual destructive ways of some companies whose only goal is to put more money into their already stuffed bank accounts and leave us with nothing but destroyed lands, water, air and habitat for a multitude of diversified wildlife! If this is the best you can do for the American people who pay you your salaries then you should find a job with the coal, gas or oil companies whose tract record is dismal at best!

Coal is a detriment to health and the environment in numerous ways. With other sources of energy at present levels, coal is not worth the destruction, pollution and labor involved. All coal jobs need to be replaced with clean energy jobs and very well could be.

I live in Colorado and stay here because I enjoy its wild areas. I plead that you not allow the expansion of Arch Coal's mining activities in our roadless forests. This is a short-cited profit grab with long term damage to our ecosystems, climate, and human health.

The Forest Service is greedy, sacrifice the trees, habitat for animals, pollution free environment for outdated coal fired plants. Coal plants are abandoned for natural gas, solar energy. you'd better have a court order for this or get sued. Stop it now. find other means of funds. Who's paying you ? you should be ashamed. !!!!

Unspoiled beauty is needed to replenish the soul.

Thank you for your consideration and cooperation regarding this matter.

This is due to Greedy, Selfish industries, that do not care about future generations, or what it will cost their children !!!!

The Forest Service should have their mission to protect the forests for All Americans - of today and tomorrow, not to enrich the Arch Coal Company!  
Please reject the Arch Coal Loophole!!!!

This effort to appease a coal company at the expense of undermining climate goals should never have found its way this far!!! This is a flagrantly bad deal for everyone in our country. Please reject the proposed Arch Coal Loophole!!  
Our country would benefit most from the complete disappearance of coal. The time has long since passed when we must move on the other sources of energy that will save, rather than destroy our planet!!!

As a PhD-trained research scientist and Professor Emerita from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, and someone who, in retirement and as a volunteer, has studied fossil fuels, including coal, I understand and appreciate the serious harm that can come to our precious environment if Arch Coal is allowed to make use of federally owned lands.

Leaving dirty coal in the ground is the best carbon capture and sequestration ever designed. As of 2014 there were only eight large CCS projects operating and eight in construction. But we would need sixteen thousand more to handle current emissions and another eleven thousand per year for increases in greenhouse gas discharge under a scenario of business as usual with blinders on. Thus we need to leave an estimated 80% of coal in the ground.

I am doing all I can to reign in my anger at yet another obvious display of capitalist greed overwhelming common sense health protection for millions of American citizens. Shame on you. Smokey the Bear just threw up in disgust!

**LEAVE THE COAL IN THE GROUND! INVEST IN SUSTAINABLE ENERGY NOW!**

We need to maintain as many trees as possible to halt climate change. And to do it in a pristine area of Colorado is not in the best interest of the State and is contrary to the President's stance on climate change. Therefore you must reject the Arch Coal loophole.

Please, reject the proposed Arch Coal Loophole. This is terrible for our country, as well as unnecessary. This is not something the Forest Service should be doing--you're supposed to protect our forests and natural resources. I urge you to reconsider.

It seems evident that the Forest Service "serves" the interests of extractive industries and corporations only, and has corrupted and betrayed its original intent to preserve the Wilderness in a pristine state for the good of US citizens both human and non-human. This is destroying Nature's ability to keep all natural systems and habitats in balance, and we will all suffer for it.

It is time to rededicate the Forest Service to its proper mission: protecting our Wilderness, the Fountainhead of Life.

We are destroying our environment, and this is just one more example of the thoughtless approach of our regulatory agencies. Forests protect the environment, coal is a dirty source of energy. Time to say no!!!!!!!!!!!!

If not, then it begs the question: What part of conservation does the US Forest Service not understand?

CHILDREN OF GODS ARE GOING TO DO WHAT ? DO YOU KNOW OR REMEMBER THIS IS GODS LAND HE MADE FROM LOVE FOR ALL CHILDREN BEING ANIMALS WITH NO VOICES AND HUMAN'S WITH VOICES. \*\* &\* THIS HUMAN GODS EARTHLY ANGEL I SAYING 'STOP' !!YOUR MAN THOUGHTS ABOUT TREATENING GODS EARTH FOR YOUR COMPANIES SERVICE ONLY NEED TO FOUND A PLACE MAN HAS ALREADY KILLED THE EARTH FOR MAN'S PURPOSE....\*\*\* STOP AND THINK ABOUT GOD HAS GIVEN ALL HUMANS LADIES, MEN AND ANIMALS WHO LIVE IN FORM YOU PLAN ON DESTORING \*\* :(

That land belongs to the tax paying people of the United States, NOT Arch Coal !

Why should we, the owners of the public lands allow a coal company to completely trash our property for their financial benefit? Coal is an outdated, dirty form of energy. We need to phase it out not promote it by this reckless give-away. Play by the rules. I think the forest service must be taking bribes to even consider this proposal.

Please keep our pristine places pristine! We all need a beautiful place with fresh air to relax in this crazy world!

Please do not destroy more pristine land; it is precious habitat for wildlife and is much more valuable in a non developed condition. As an American citizen I advocate that wilderness be protected.

I was shocked to hear the US Forest Service is proposing giving a coal company access to US lands. Here the country is trying to move away from dirty carbon creating coal and the Forest Service proposes to destroy natural habitat in order to create more of this dirty source.

Hello Tom,

The following message has been provided to us.

However, we would like to put our concern in some borrowed words: "WE the PEOPLE" say NO to any infringement to our public lands!

This country MUST stop encouraging the use of coal, oil, and gas! Support renewable energy such as wind, water, and sunlight. Do not wound the planet for a temporary fix.

Furthermore, even if its rape'n'pillage is allowed to proceed, then why should taxpayer dollars fund the infrastructure building work and maintenance necessary for Arch Coal to perpetrate this evil? If they are granted this mining lease, then let them pay ALL THE COSTS of developing the resource. Make THEM pay to do the survey work, build the roads, the rail capacity, the port enhancements, the bridges, bulldoze the trees, dig drainage, emplace remediation measures, and everything else necessary to carry out their operations. [[Also note that they completely shirk paying the costs all of the pollution, CO2 emissions, and negative human and environmental health consequences of mining, transporting, and burning this coal.]] Then we'll see just how "profitable" this publicly owned coal is --in reality. Once those taxpayer dollars are subtracted from the equation, the profit margin shrinks considerably --quite possibly to the point of not being profitable at all.

This is a TEXTBOOK example of Vampire Capitalism in form and function. And it should make you --and every American-- angry.

First, I hope you will read April 2015 National Geographic, pages 96 to 115, which as you will probably know deals with the epidemic of pine beetles in the west, an epidemic accelerated by climate change, and its consequent fatal effect upon our pine forests

You are in a position to protect America's lands for the American people.

Corporations, whether they be coal, oil or minerals are only interested In the "bottom line," and are not the interest of the people.

Please don't destroy this forest area!

As one of the many taxpayers who owns a stake in the 350 million tons of coal that you want to make available to Arch Coal, I am thrown by your lack of foresight.

Your Arch Coal Loophole is a bad deal for myself and other citizens. It's bad for our forests, our PUBLIC lands, our climate, and this country.

You are talking about opening up 19,000 acres of pristine, roadless habitat to the ravages of Arch Coal for nothing more than greed. As we work to move away from fossil fuels and toward renewables, this seems like a last-ditch effort for Arch Coal to make a "few" bucks at the expense of the environment.

Please take a stand that supports clean energy and conscious stewardship of our precious pristine lands!

Arch Coal and All coal companies:

Please refrain from digging for coal in any of our forests. Join the American people in their desire to protect the environment and our climate. Thank you.

So how much money did it take for Arch Coal to get the Forest Service to propose this loophole?

Keep our public coal in the ground and our public roadless areas roadless.

Do not allow our forest lands to be ravaged by coal companies. Coal is bad for the air, trees are good for the air. We need air. We don't need coal. Do the math. Please protect our beautiful, necessary-for-life forest lands from greedy, polluting corporations. Thank you.

NOOO! STOP!

The Forest Service should protect not allow destruction.

Not to mention what's on public land is owned by the public NOT a private company. No deal for them at our expense.

National forests belong to all of us not just logging or mineral interests.

We need clean air. We need wilderness lands. We do not need more coal. Wilderness destroyed is gone forever. If we ever truly need more coal, it will still be there, unless we waste it now. .

Your ability to think of the future and manage our forests today is upmost importance to our future wellness on Planet Earth.

It would be impossible for you to approve coal mining in our nationally protected public lands in Colorado without other private interests demanding an equal right to access other areas for which you are responsible. Tell these energy spoilers that fossil fuels deposits under our national parks and forests must remain in the ground as we oppose any future development will worsen our world climate.

Personally, I object to Corporate Welfare to subsidize Corporations at the cost to the citizens. To allow, further, destruction of public property so two Corporations can reap windfall profits smacks of bribery and coercion. To do so and polluting the worlds atmosphere is the absolute height of arrogance.

It is imperative to keep these protections in place and reject the bribes from the coal/fracking interests.

WE HAVE A CABIN IN COLRADO...PLEASE PROTECT THE MOUNTAINS THANK YOU

What is it about your name - The U.S. Forest Service - that you no longer understand? We are not in an energy crisis, coal is a 'dirty' fuel source which is particularly damaging both in it's extraction and it's subsequent use; you should be preserving our wilderness areas. Period.

As a 76 year old, who has watched corporations (in this case big Coal) do their very best year after year since I was a child to destroy our countries forests and grasslands. I am totally dismayed that you could even contemplate such a move. Don't you have grandchildren? Where is your responsibility for the Seven generations to follow? Where is your moral ethic?

The coal industry is on its last legs worldwide. Demand is falling as better and cleaner sources of power are becoming more available and more economical. Under the circumstances, it makes no sense tp destroy pristine environments so that one or t two corporations can profit. Instead, maube it's time to begin to put an end to coal production altogether. As coal production becomes more and more environmentally destructive the country can not afford it's devastating environmental impact.

When Teddy Roosevelt founded the Forest Service, it was for protection and conservation of Amercia's wilderness and public lands. He resisted the pressures of unethical business ambitions to achieve his goals. The mission and vision of the Forest Service should not be compromised by the greed of the coal industry, especially as a huge cloud of methane has been recently observed over the Four Corners.

Nonpartisans in American and elsewhere on this planet can be deeply supportive of the current US President's commitments to clean renewable energy and a wholesome ecosystem legacy for the children of our current

populations, as well as to the planet we share with all Earthlings.

I urge you to reject the proposed Arch Coal Loophole, which Reuters called "a royalty loophole on coal exports." Your coal, my coal, everyone's coal, and NO ONE's coal should be exported anywhere. We should be taking coal out of the ground; coal should remain IN the ground forever, got it? FOREVER! IN THE GROUND! Not for combustion? Not for inequitable gain? Not even for public purposes? No - no coal of any kind should be taken out of the ground, not with bulldozing, and not with any other extraction purposes. No - no - no! Leave that seam of coal in the ground ...

Any way you slice it, coal extraction (as is the case with many extractive industries) is a very bad deal for the both American people and the 7.2 billion persons who share our fragile planet (a common legacy which is for each of those 7.2 billion, a "short-term legacy" no longer than their individual lives, but a long-term legacy for the array of many different species. We - no, the very FEW of the current "we" - should not ruin it for everyone else forever.

Let's take a Republican-source phrase: "they could ruin it forever!" Yep, that shoe fits the current likely results of allowing this "Arch Coal loophole!" so DON'T ALLOW the Arch Coal loophole.

This loophole is an unnecessary trade-off which is bad for our forests and our public lands here in the States, bad for our climate here and 'abroad', and bad for the present and future generations American people (and for others, also).

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This is terrible for the land !

Drive through some of the states in the East that ruined everything for coal.

Mature forests are our best protection against global warming. please leave them in tact.

Climate Change is an urgent problem which requires a transition away from coal and other fossil fuels to wind, solar, and wave energy.

This is the most ridiculous measure I have ever heard of. If you allow this to happen, you will become one more government agency that is supposed to protect our natural resources that is selling out to big money. You should be ashamed of your actions.

I always thought that the U.S. Forest Service was a service to protect the forests. Now It appears that it's actually a service for the benefit of the Coal Industry, Arch Coal, in particular. This so-called Loophole is a direct slap in the face of climate goals proposed by this President. KEEP THE COAL IN THE GROUND AND PROTECT THE FUTURE LIVES OF OUR CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN, GREAT GRANDCHILDREN, ETC.

It is very important that we make aggressive steps towards protecting the environment and our impact on climate and this is a step in the wrong direction.

You are named the Forest Service, not the Corporate Interests Come First Forest Service. You are beholden to the land and the people not businesses. Please at a time when the world is finally waking up to the kind of changes that we need to make, the kind of changes that you and your staff actually see and know about more first hand than most of us - please let the voice of the future and our future needs be your guide rather than next year's stock prices for coal and energy companies.

Just last month we learned that of Worlds forests are within half mile of humans, lets work on that instead of how to help out one coal company. Not to mention you are undermining President Obama's leadership.

I wanted to personalize this message...but I can't really say any better than this:  
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I have only one question for you: How much is Arch Coal paying you to sell out the future of your country, your children and grand-children?

I am a taxpayer who believes that public lands belong to taxpayers and not to private corporations that have no regard for the devastating effects of their actions, including destroying roadless habitat and undermining efforts toward curbing the effects of climate change.

This can't be real! How can an agency of our government charged with the preservation of our marvelous lands, even consider their destruction?

WE REALLY NEED TO STOP DESTROYING OUR PRECIOUS EARTH FOR MANKIND!

OUR WILDLIFE IS WAY MUCH MORE IMPORTANT!!

I have always assumed that it is the mission of the U.S. Forest Service to protect our Public lands and Forests not to sell them to be gutted and pillaged by the highest bidder. Was I wrong? The coal industry is yesterday's energy source. Please don't assist them in their 12th hour by ruining something that can't be replaced.

I have always respected the job that the Forest Service does in caring for the nation's most important renewable resource, trees. I was shocked to hear that you are considering the sacrifice 19,000 acres of important roadless habitat, to open up half a billion tons of carbon pollution just so Arch Coal can line its pockets.

What in the world are you thinking?

Or aren't you thinking at all, and just seeing an increase of graft dollars to your annual budget?

Forest lands belong to the Nations Citizens, not FORM service which you have been appointed Stewart of it's welfare; not salesman of it's riches... The President has decreed that this Nation should save our resources from devastation, and become more environmentally sound.

You Sir seem to want to overlook your boss's decision, and go against sound management practices that keep the air, land, and water clean for generations to come.

I urge you to reject the proposed Arch Coal Loophole. It would potentially sacrifice 19,000 acres of important roadless habitat.

This is NOT in the public's interest. With carbon pollution at runaway levels and the destructive environment strategy used for harvesting coal we just cannot have this.

West Virginia is already a disaster area due to mountain top "mining". Now you, "our" Forest Service, wants to ruin Colorado. The Forest Service is supposed to serve the people, not

the coal companies.

Since in Montana, we are still allowed to mention climate change and global warming, we can recognize that phasing our fossil fuels is the best first step to dealing with the problems. We do Not need to destroy more forests to allow Arch Coal to enrich themselves at the people's and planet's expense. The trees are working with us to clean the air, we need them far more than we need another coal mine polluting air, soil and water.

The time for coal is past. Let's put our money, Arch should put their money into finding a cleaner source of energy.

These lands were set aside and protected for a wildlife and for the good of all Americans, not to be sold off to the highest bidder. Even the Colorado tea baggers will go nuts over this plan to spoil their wilderness!

Look to America's future, There are many ways to produce energy that will and are enabling us to use renewable and clean forms of energy. Many of us have supported keeping our natural resources, such as forested areas in place for future generations, including wilderness areas as well. All of these lands are vital to protecting large ecosystems of life in our country. We must not sacrifice our country's forested areas for the sake of companies who insist on expanding their businesses at the expense of the lands the Forest Service oversees and protects.

I want to change our energy resources to "CLEAN" choices. No more destruction to our earth when other alternatives are available. The forest service needs to protect the environment not exploit the land they are supposed to protect! I am stunned at the lack of stewardship of the government and the people in charge of these programs. Very disappointed and I hope that everyone starts making better choices.

Save the beautiful places in our country for future generations!

These people are out of their minds. We are slowly destroying nature, tree by tree for money.

**PRESERVATION BEFORE PROFITEERING!**

This is really a bad, bad idea. Please reject the Arch Coal Loophole. Look at what coal does to the environment, look at China. Please reject this bad idea which will bring the mess of roads and all the rash of mining to a pristine area.

Again I always ask, why are we still using fossil fuels?? We have unlimited solar and wind reserves, I want to see them used in place of fossil fuels, now.

Is there anyone in the Forest Service or Colorado officials that benefit from this loophole?

This land was taken from the public domain in order to protect it from exploitation, not to be exploited for profit and pollution!

YOU ARE KIDDING WITH THIS LUG-HEADED PROPOSAL - RIGHT?

DID THE COMPANY "BUY" YOU?

HAVE YOU EVER HEARD OF CLIMATE CHANGE?

DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA WHAT'S DRIVING IT? (the emissions from burning dirty fossil fuels like coal is a BIG hint...) - DUH!

HOW ABOUT SUPPORTING THE VAST MAJORITY OF AMERICANS WHO DO RECOGNIZE THE EXISTENCE OF CLIMATE CHANGE AND WANT BOLD ACTION TO ADDRESS IT?

I deal with the forest service here in Central Oregon a lot. I have found many things to question in their decision making but this loophole business really takes the cake. Shame on you for even thinking about it !

We don't need to extract any more dirty coal and should close current coal burning power plants. I want our children and grandchildren and great grand children to have a live able environment for many years to come!

This proposal clearly conflicts with "multiple use" as it essentially eliminates other use of this huge roadless area.

imagine yourself in this paradise, breath in the fresh air, listen to the sounds of nature and stop this atrocity now.

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Please put conservation of our PUBLIC lands and the future of our planet ahead of the profits of a company like Arch Coal.

I oppose destroying beautiful natural places which are a treasure for the American public to provide more dirty energy and pollution !  
Put a stop to this anise of power at once please!

Isn't  
it time to start protecting our land instead of exploiting it. If we haven't learned by now????

These lands are our heritage, our promise to future generations. Please do your part to preserve these habitats unspoiled. Thank you.

Are you mad? To even consider such a proposal! Your job is FORM OUR forests - not the moneyed interests of the coal barons. Do your job or get out. I'm sure there are several corporate boards you can sit on.

A tax payer and voter who is sick of industry sycophants (yes, I mean you).  
Disgusted.

Coal and dirty coal are not fuels necessary for a modern nation.  
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Arch Coal does not have the good of this nation at the forefront of this demand. The nation should not be responsible for the profitability of Arch Coal. People before profits - and clean environment for survival!

I urge you to reject the proposed Arch Coal Loophole. Don't sell out to big business. Don't damage the wild lands we hired you to protect. Don't support destructive energy production at the expense of our wild lands. Your job is to protect, not pander.

This is our precious resources, not a source of corporate welfare that we subsidize.

WTF?

Arch  
Coal is yet another despoiling gainseeker, intent on making money by plundering a natural heritage.

The Forest Service should not act contrary to the President's climate goals and should reject the Arch Coal Loophole.

I trust the US Forest Service to work tirelessly for the best interests of our forests and preserves, natural habitats, the climate, and the people (not Corporations) of America. Do not let special FOR-PROFIT corporations and their lackeys write loopholes to good stewardship and

accountability.

I once worked for a coal mining company...much to my personal regret. Coal needs to take a back seat to safe and truly renewable alternative energy sources based on the energy arriving from our sun every day.

Please support climate goals, not just one industry. Save our public lands and environment.

This is insane. What part of "Forest SERVICE" is difficult to understand? You serve the public, not the for profit corporations that only want to steal public assets for their own greedy gain.

The proposed corporate give-away to Arch Coal in Colorado is completely unacceptable.

I totally agree with the sentiments expressed in this email and encourage you to reject this proposal.

According to current Bloomberg figures, the amount of coal from this would be only about 1/3 of US annual usage! Spread out over the time it would take to extract, this is a drop in the bucket & not worth the climate costs.

What the Hell is wrong with people!!! NO TO ARCH COAL. Why do we need to ask the Forest Service to protect the Forest and the wild lands and all its inhabitants. This world is just one bad "movie" after another. At least with a movie you can walk out and say, "thank God that was just a scary movie. No more politics and Greed!

YOU CANNOT EAT OR BREATHE MONEY!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

STOP CORPORATE DESTRUCTION OF OUR PLANET!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

REMEMBER YOUR JOB IS TO S-E-R-V-E FORMS, NOT ALLOW THEM TO BE PLUNDERED!!

Overall, this is a terrible idea! Public land is just that...public land. Owned by the citizens of the United States. The U. S. Forest Service has no right whatsoever to sell off any amount of land. This is a horrible and detrimental idea for climate control as we can do without the carbon pollution and the 19,000 acres of natural habitat is extremely important to 1000's of animal and insect species.

I am horrified that such rape of the land would be considered let alone permitted by an organization created to protect and wisely manage our natural heritage.

It is outrageous and mindboggling that this loophole is even under consideration given the overwhelming scientific consensus regarding the increasingly catastrophic effects of fossil fuels.

This is horrendous. Why in blazes do you want to ruin so much land!? Please stop this now.

I am shocked that the Forrest service would support arch in this proposed destructive action. I hope that you President Obama will say an absolute no to arch. We DO NOT Need more coal polluting the air nor do we need more destruction in the forests. I have witnessed the trail left by arch in Wyoming. Not only do they rip up the landscape, they also create economic havoc in surrounding communities by creating a boom followed by bust.

Oh my goodness. What are they thinking? Please reject the proposed Arch Coal Loophole. This is awful for American. This is unnecessary. We need to protect our forests and public lands, not clear cut them for a dirty fuel.

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After all, this is the people's lands, and private industry, especially an industry that is all about pollution, should not be able to profit from its destruction.

Let's declassify clean energy innovations and start using those instead of remaining in antiquaterd positions with coal.

But this plea is in vain isn't it. It's always the same--over and over again we allow the environment to be raped by those in a position to reap monetary profit from our natural resources. And that money only benefits a few who are not any happier. They and their children, spouses, friends and neighbors continue to be sickened by an ever growing number of chemical pollutants in our air, our water and our food. Even you who are charged with the responsibility to protect our resources cannot resist the greed. If these are corporate friends who support the Forrest Service with monetary donations, the hypocrisy is obscene, but what else could be motivating you to create this loophole?

Your agency states on its website "The Forest Service mission is captured by the phrase "Caring for the Land and Serving People." Our mission, as set forth by law, is to achieve quality land management under the sustainable multiple-use management concept to meet the diverse needs of people." I don't believe creating a loophole for a couple of coal companies fulfills that, particularly considering the facts stated in the paragraph below: 19,000 acres of forested habitat in one of the most spectacularly beautiful states in the U.S., and the releasing of half a billion tones of carbon pollution into our atmosphere. You may feel that this action would coincide with "multiple use land management". This however is publicly owned coal on public lands. More importantly such an action is "dangerously out of step with President Obama's climate goals," and would release "disastrous levels of methane -- which is 86 times more damaging to our climate than carbon dioxide over a 20 year period -- directly into our atmosphere." Overwhelming and thorough scientific research and data on observable climatic phenomena world-wide show that we are in man-made global warming, which is accelerating much faster than first predicted. To release that much methane into the already very dangerous conditions that now exist would be a reckless, and in effect a suicidal act, and would do anything but "care for the land and serve the people" and this country or the world. Any large action involving our atmosphere at this point must not be considered from a myopic viewpoint but responsibly look at the big picture that has unfolded before us.

I urge you to reject the proposed Arch Coal Loophole. The U.S. is shutting down coal power plants, exports of US coal is weakening because overseas markets also realize this dirty fuel is killing our planet, and the market for coal is ever dwindling. So why on Earth would we want to open up these treasured lands and forests to more mining of it? Dig up 19,000 acres of public land so that a private corporation can profit? Where is that coal going to go?

**THIS SHOULD BE ILLEGAL!!  
IT IS JUST AWFUL!!**

You should be protecting forests, not coal companies! Turning forests over to production of coal is the exact opposite of what we need now that the role of carbon in global warming is so undeniably obvious.

Keep the coal in the ground where it does not harm anyone!

This is no time to go back in time, reverting to outdated, damaging energy sources solely to pad the wallets of a few greedy men.

Save some wild places from the ravages of the fossil fuel industry.

Furthermore, NO PUBLIC LANDS should contribute to expanding the production of fossil fuels.

I was under the impression that FORM Service served the interests of the United States public, not private corporations. And to some extent at least, served the trees (they could certainly use a Lorax).

We cherish our land and its beauty and want generations to see this also.

Are you crazy?? How can we continue to allow this?!

Added comment: To say this is a stupid idea is the shortest way to sum this up. A no brainer to reject this project that is ill advised on so many levels.

Do you seriously think this is worth the environmental damage? I am beyond appalled at this horrific loophole. Please take better care of the land that is under your control.

Do not do this! This is a degradation of our beautiful environment--or what's left of it. Keep the coal IN the ground and the trees ON the ground!!!

Our health is important. No more coal mining please. Save our forests.

Coal is one of the most polluting sources of energy and heat that exist. We need to be putting our resources into clean energy research, not bringing down the last of our carbon sinks to put even more of toxic products into the atmosphere. Living trees produce oxygen. Burning coal produces methane, carbon monoxide, and worse. Do the math.

It is perplexing to me that this is even being considered in the first place. As an government service that is tasked with protecting, preserving and managing our public lands for us, this proposal in favor of big business is completely opposite to your mandate. Do the right thing, reject this proposal.

The Coal industry has a horrible record. Coal mining is one of the most dangerous businesses for workers, the environment and non-payment of fines. The only reason the Forest Service is doing this is because of money changing hands. We TRUST the Forest Service to protect land owned by the American People. Be Trustworthy instead of greedy.

The Forest Service should reject the Arch Coal Loophole and do the job it was meant to do... protecting our public lands, our American environment, and ultimately the world's climate.

Please act responsibly and keep those 19,000 acres as they are now... treasured natural habitat that belongs to all Americans.

The Forest Service is also the same agency that has a history of reckless regard for the sacred sequoias which they have no intention to preserve for future generations if they continue to be within their jurisdiction. Another outrageous blight on the reputation of the U.S. Forest Service which puts profit over people and the environment.

Forest Service is for the people and their property, not commercial interests!

I was very troubled to learn of the Arch Coal Loophole, which will compromise public lands and allow private companies to profit from land that belongs to the entire nation, present and future. Please do all you can to assure that the proposed Arch Coal Loophole is not put into effect?. I wish you all the best in your important and difficult work, and I look forward to hearing that you've protected our national lands in Colorado.

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Hey, let's get real!!! We can't allow Arch Coal to go ahead with this awful, mass destruction!!! We need our forests and we need to get rid of coal, period, not expand it.

We MUST stop relying so much on carbon based fuel sources and go to Sustainable Energy Sources! It is inevitable and is part of our future.

And even ten years from now, we would be asking "What were they thinking???" This is such a bad idea.

Enough with the coal already!  
Constant coal and oil trains have bisected my town and constantly shake my house.  
Let's get into solar, wind and tide power.

Ummmm.... I might be living in the dark ages, but surely the forest Svce was designed to protect and serve the forest habitats and not serve corporations and greed. Shame!

I'm fed up with good wild land being butchered and wildlife sacrificed just so some company can make more money. To hell with arch coal.

Ian

disappointed in the forest service to even consider this permit I have believed it was their to protect the public lands eco systems wildlife on public lands not to allow private corp the right to put people at risk along with the earth as a whole at great risk at this crucial time. Leave the coal in the ground and do your job as it was meant to be.

PLEASE DON'T DO THIS. IT IS A HORRIBLE IDEA. YOU ARE SUPPOSED TO PROTECT THESE PUBLIC LANDS FORM, NOT PERPETRATE GIVEAWAYS TO POLLUTING CORPORATIONS.

Your job is to protect our forests. How much clearer can that be? Creating a loophole for a coal company would violate the public trust, and bring shame on the Forest Service. Show some integrity. Please.

Coal prices are plummeting. This is not a good deal for anyone. Including the mining company investors.

We must have the courage to resist short term gains for enormous loss to our future. I desperately care about our long term environment.

I very much hope you will reject the Arch Coal Loophole that would destroy 19,000 acres of Colorado's aspen forest but would also enable a coal mine that releases highly toxic methane into the atmosphere -- methane which, as you know, is 86 times more toxic than carbon dioxide. I am sure you are aware that permitting this loophole is in direct contravention to President Obama's actions on climate change.

Speaking as a much older woman (I'm 71), I can still remember horseback riding in these aspens when they turned yellow in the fall. Don't desolate beautiful Colorado!

No! Not now, not ever!! If you don't want the US to become a desert, you will not cut down the Air Makers, for a very short-term gains. Fracking makes great oozing sores on the body of the land that never heal. Why do this if there are better ways, with respect and care, to solve our energy problems? Think, people, think!

Do your job and protect our forests -- no more concessions to Big Coal  
!

Isn't your job to protect this land? Those of us who only see pictures of this magnificent place can only imagine the real beauty, You are the few fortunate who get to guard these precious areas for generations to come. As children we learn the song, "America the Beautiful". Have you ever considered that such places as there in Colorado is what the song is really about? Finally when those who travel and return home

and speak of "God's country" and how"...your just can't imagine the sheer raw beauty" and ... our pictures just do not do it justice". How different their comments would be to see land stripped and dirty coal being mined.

Please do your job and protect this pristine wilderness! Don't buckle to corporate pressure.

REJECT the proposed Arch Coal Loophole. Any way you slice it, this is a raw deal for the American people. This unnecessary trade-off is bad for our forests and public lands, bad for our climate, and bad for the American people. IF, you approve of this loophole you would be undermining the climate efforts of our President. It will line the pockets of a private company. Keep America beautiful. Don't do this!!

I am extremely concerned about the Forest Service role is supporting further extraction of coal, an outdated fossil fuel.

What a travesty!!!! Please accede to the mandate in the Good Book for us to be stewards of our land! To allow business interests...and especially ones hazardous to the public health to begin with....to supersede the legacy of our beautiful land is not to be believed. Please, please dump Arch!!!

Our public lands and forests and it's habitat should be protected from greedy people that want to destroy it. There are animals there that make this area their home and they would be displaced. It has to be preserved and protected for all the animals that make it home and for future generations to be able to enjoy. I for one don't want a coal company coming into our public lands and forests!!!!

Maybe you and your staff don't have children and grand children - but I do and so do millions of Americans. And maybe you don't care if your children and grandchildren and those of millions of Americans inherit a ruined climate and environment. But I do and so do millions of Americans. **DON'T GIVE UP THIS HABITAT FORM POCKETS!**

Public land is owned by the public and is not for private profit.

Again, please take a leadership role and reject?

Dont sell out to the bad guys.

Coal is an antique fuel that destroys before its mined, while its mined, and after its mined.

The Forest Service should serve the interests of the public, and that is not Arch Coal. Forests should support a healthy environment, and offset adverse

effects on the climate, soil and water. Coal mining and coal use are antithetical to those goals.

Are living in the last century? Stop ALL coal mining...especially on OUR land which you are supposed to be protecting!

There is no reason whatsoever that the U.S. Forest Service should allow any access to our precious forests for the sake of corporations that profit from mining, an industry completely incompatible with environmentally sound forest management.

I do not understand the motivation of the Forest Service, who are you working for? You have some deal to log old growth in Alaska, why do you not care about our planet and its natural beauty? Does corporate money have something to do with your reckless actions? I used to think the Forest Service cared about the land and its wildlife but I am re-thinking what your role is. Please do the right thing and stop the further destruction of our land, this land belongs to all of us not just big money corporations.

Most Americans know that coal is an energy source of the past and that is destroying our planet. How your agency can even consider this proposal is beyond me, particularly considering President Obama's commitment to addressing climate change. We need our federal agencies to protect the public lands that belong to all of us citizens, not to hand them over to greedy corporations. Please think carefully before you make the decision to destroy this land that belongs to all of us and contribute to the global climate issues we are facing.

Please act for the Forests as you are charged with doing! Are you not supposed to care for the forests? Were you given your jobs so that you could hand over public lands for private exploitation? Please Protect the forests of Colorado as we trust you to do!!!

I think climate change is the most important problem facing our country. We should be working to decrease it not implementing policies that would increase it.

**ARE YOU SERIOUSLY CONSIDERING DOING THIS??? PLEASE, PLEASE DON'T!!! WE DONT NEED MORE DIRTY COAL OR THE MILLIONS OF TONS OF POLLUTION THAT ARE PRODUCED AS WELL.**

Forest Service??? I wonder what kind of 'service' you are giving to our country by even considering such a proposal as this loophole! I wonder if your brains have become temporarily money-hungry, or just maybe loopholes in the brain or detached from reality?? Really, what are you thinking of? I thought you were protecting forest lands, but now you are "thinking" about putting roads and mines through woodlands, supposedly under your tender loving care.

Wake up before it is too late. We need these woodlands to preserve our souls and minds and posterity. Mines are worse than developments of housing and factories are bad enough, but mines are the worst. Think before you sign and act!! Think hard!!! Thank you for reading this.

that coal on public & protected land is owned by the public - it should stay there, not be used to profit a huge company that will devastate the landscape and leave another mess for taxpayers to clean up. Outrageous proposal!

Climate change is the largest threat to our nation, and the most detrimental to your grandkids!  
Help our children by going everything possible to reverse this disastrous path we are on!

WTF is wrong with you?

Your job is to manage our national forest lands for the people, NOT for big business.

GET YOUR HEAD ON STRAIGHT!

No, you don't just bulldoze good forest to get at bad coal. What are you thinking?

Support clean energy and nature.

You need to stop allowing extractive industries like mining to destroy our beautiful wild places.

This is totally in opposition to what the Forest Service should be doing. Shame on all the decision makers in the Forest Service who have been involved in this shameful proposal.

YOU MUST NOT BETRAY THE NATION YOU SERVE. STOP THIS MAD DESTRUCTION IMMEDIATELY. OUR RESOURCES ARE NOT FOR THE INSANE PROFIT AND WHATEVER PERCEIVED PERKS YOU GET FROM IT. YOU SERVE AT THE PLEASURE OF THE PRESIDENT, WHO SERVES AT THE PLEASURE OF THE PEOPLE. THAT MEANS STOP IMMEDIATELY AND PRESERVE OUR NATURAL RESOURCE. WE ARE SMARTER NOW THAT WE UNDERSTAND THE CONSEQUENCES. SOME OF US SEEM SMARTER THAN OTHERS.

We have enough coal mining now. Save our forest.

I am a scientist with a background in the measurement of the age (and therefore origin) of environmental carbon. I hope that you and your service study, understand, and act on the objective science about carbon in the environment, particularly the role of forests in removing CO2 and the magnitude of the release of ancient carbon that is the

result of coal mining. I hope you understand the tradeoffs between different sources of energy. This is a complex issue but your motivation should be the public good, as opposed to the good of a single commercial operation.

I understand the 'Land of many uses' philosophy. Your mission should be to manage the many uses with the greater public good as the guiding principle.

The air pollution caused by coal mining, not to mention ruining untouched land for such a damaging purpose, must not be allowed!

We desperately need public officials who are not pawns of corporate enterprise. Please be that kind of official--stewards for we the people.

Any way you look at the approval of this deal, other than through the greed/profit lens of Arch Coal, it is a completely insane proposition given our issues with climate change and all the threats that poses the planet, its people, and its eco- systems. Is anyone paying attention?

I, personally, would heed the voices of the people. Anything connected in any way to the government is under more scrutiny and turmoil than you may realize.....you are talking about destroying 19,000 acres of pristine land. Find a way to mine without leaving a foot print by man and there will be a fortune in it for you. I am not against coal and I have the greatest respect for the miners, but I do not trust anyone with whom God left this beautiful country in charge. Let's move ahead by discarding outdated mining traditions, to not only save such beautiful and special areas, but for the safety of the miners. There are loopholes stamped all over our government...can you not be more intelligent and inventive for the good of us all?

I live in coal country and have saw the loss of over 500 mountains in the past 20 years. When they are gone they are gone forever. Coal is a dirty way to access fuel. Don't let this happen to a place of beauty. It's wrong.

We know that a livable future for a planet demands that we leave the majority of known fossil fuels in the ground. Raping our public lands to extract more is berserk!

Attachment 3

Serve the people; not corporate greed and environmental devastation!

I fail to understand why the backers of this Arch Coal Loophole, as well as the company involved refuse to realize and understand that what will be done will be disastrous to their own families futures. Can money possibly be so important as to be the end of the world as we know

it without restraint on the part of those able to take positive rather than backward steps  
The suicidal insanity of this proposal is mind boggling.

As your employer and the son of a late, retired forester, I wish to remind you just who you are working for. Hint: it isn't Arch Coal.

Coal is the past and a for profit coal company has no right to mine coal on public land. The best place for this coal is right where it is, in the ground.

Please realize that this public land will be gone forever once it's bulldozed. All that destruction for more destruction caused by the mining and burning of the coal to be extracted. Take the long look to benefit our future. Leave the coal in the ground and support sustainable energy. Arch Coal please go into the renewable energy business!! Thank you.

You are called "the Forest Service", right????

"No Loopholes" "No Loopholes"

"No Loopholes"

Save the trees..

Who is the 'Forest Service' servicing?

It's time to turn away from carbon based energy and towards sustainable pollution free energy, like solar and wind. Think of how this earth will look in a hundred years and keep it clean for future generations.

Not only is this absurd, it is totally unacceptable. Future generations will not be able to sing "America the Beautiful" as well as not have clean air and water. WE MUST BE RESPONSIBLE to preserve what little is left of natural land!. None of our founding fathers were thinking about going to the moon, much less Mars! So someone WILL discover a way to get along without coal! Even someone now in the coal industry can find another way to earn a living! Not that I really expect this to be read by a human, I had to try.

Do the right thing.

People in Russia are dying from lung cancer as a result of what coal has done to their air, and you want to expand the problem here? This is wrong. We need to protect the forest to filter the pollution we already have from our air, not sacrifice it and the ecosystems it supports, to create more dirty coal dust and carbon emissions.

Is somebody getting paid off here? This is so patently bad it begs the question who benefits beside the Coal Company.

We must do what we can to preserve natural areas. Coal is an energy source best left in the ground rather than scarring beautiful forest land. Let's concentrate on developing more clean alternate energy.

Please!! That would be a double whamy!

Adding the increased carbon load from this project is very bad for our only home - Earth.

The last thing AMERICANS need is another coal mine anywhere in this country, especially on US Forest Service land...

My husband and I are shocked that the Forest Service is even considering letting Arch Coal do this destruction to such a lovely

wilderness. Burning coal is polluting way too much of America's air. Solar and wind are the cleaner ways for us to get the power we need.

Please do not do this for the sake of my children and grand children and yours too!!

Have you seen what a coal mine does to the earth? Have you seen the devastation to the land? Have you seen what it does to wild life, plants, air, ground, trees? I suggest you look.

Please think of the future generation and the type of Earth we are leaving them.

Simply put, all the coal we still have in the ground needs to be kept in the ground to avoid the worst effects of climate change.

Do you ever consider the people and the land we live in before the money??? You won't be able to buy a new Earth or its beauty for any amount when you have ruined it!!! Wise up and learn what is really important!

I could not believe my eyes when I read that the Forest Service was in any way supporting the coal industry.

As a hiker, nature photographer, and nature lover, I am very upset that this move is even being considered. I firmly believe there is no such thing as "clean coal" and this adds "destructive" to the negatives.

Chief Tidwell as a retired Forest Service employee I ask you to please read

"Can the world economy survive without fossil fuels?

The past three centuries of progress have been powered by coal, oil and gas. Burning much of what's left will lead to environmental and economic catastrophe. Here's how to save the Earth without giving up on growth. The Guardian". Then you will understand why you must deny Arch Coal' proposed project.

Close the Loophole!!!  
STOP BURNING OUR FUTURE!

It is extremely important to me that the proposed Arch Coal Loophole is rejected.

In order to stabilize Earth's climate, we need to start leaving coal in the ground.

I agree with The Sierra Club's following message to the US Forest Service

For the love of the planet! AND all of it's inhabitants

Please think of future

generations ~ Mother earth that we reside on that sustains us all.

Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Given the present state of CO2 induced climate change and the damage it is causing, it is simply INSANE to permit the mining of ANY additional coal - particularly that on government land. Instead, let them put up windmills and solar panels. Let's have government land use be part of the SOLUTION to the problem, rather than EXACERBATING it top the rape of our Earth mother, DO not allow more logging, mining or any other destructive people to tear up the Earth for profits. Each tree dropping, each hole drilled is likely one less day your children and/or grandchildren will have upon the Earth. Give future generations a chance for survival. Respect OUR Earth. I vote No to allowing

anybody into public lands to drill, mine or log.  
The job of the Forest Service is not to allow the forests to be destroyed to make money. Your job is to PROTECT the forest for the public. Do your job!

A NOOSE has a LOOPHOLE, but nobody wants to use one. It's TIME TO CLOSE LOOPHOLES AND PROTECT PUBLIC LANDS, NOT DESTROY THEM!!!

I have personally researched the use of coal and coal mining practices in our country. It must stop. It is deadly to the miners, destroys our environment around the world, and is archaic. Send it to the graveyard. We don't need dirty coal in our lives any longer.

This coal is owned by the American Public, not a coal company. Money and efforts should be spent on wind, wave and solar power not on polluting coal.

WE need GREEN energy, renewable energy that conserves the beauties of our planet and our very life-support system. NOT more BLACK GREED energy, that rapes the landscape and kills the atmosphere. The greedmeisters know they are killing the planet But they simply don't care. WE the PEOPLE ask you, our representatives to God's green planet, to halt the destruction.

I am afraid you might not understand what is happening to the planet. People have gotten used to big energy and big business just doing what they do which is what ever they want. I sincerely don't mean to be threatening. I just want you to know that people are waking up and big business and big energy should expect resistance because resisting destruction is right living. People are waking up to right living. You can, too. It's not as hard as I had thought it was.  
PLEASE SAVE OUR FORESTS! Man has abused this earth with no concern for its majesty.

Please educate yourself and be part of the solution, alternative fuels technology exists that makes this destruction unnecessary. You can stop it.

In addition less and less electricity is produced by burning coal as we move forward with wind and solar renewables and substituting natural gas as a fuel for electricity generation. You really have your head in the sand on this one should you approve giving access to Arch Coal to destroy pristine lands and pollute water all for the sake of their profits with no benefit to the environment or the people who enjoy the forests that you are appointed to protect.

This is insanely irresponsible. It is an absolute Obscenity to even consider this devastation which is solely for the economic benefit of a huge, filthy, polluting, destructive corporation.

Enough already. This is getting me furious. What is wrong with you people? Public lands are to be protected not bulldozed. They belong to the public, not a coal or lumber company.

If you don't understand this, your agency should be radically changed. I am sending this to the President in the hope that someone stops this latest infuriating idea. I thought when I supported Obama, things would change and this nonsense would stop. Instead, it continues.

**STOP IT!!!**

Reject the proposed Arch Coal Loophole. This is an awful deal that will adversely affect generations of Americans. This is a bad precedent for

our forests and public lands, bad for our climate, and bad for the American people. Your mandate is to protect our public lands and climate for the good of the American people in perpetuity.

Do not sacrifice this American landscape for short-sighted and short-lived profit.

My son is a Colorado resident. We both love the state.

Fossil fuels are not worth destroying our natural resources. Permanently trashing public lands for the benefit of a Coal Company is clearly the wrong thing to do. We should be preserving public lands for future Americans not destroying it for the benefit of an antiquated extraction industry.

Our only choice is to get off fossil fuel altogether. Use the Sun. Its the only place where all our energy comes from anyway. Directly with Photovoltaic and Steam Turbine and what the Sun produces .. the Wind, the Tides, and Ocean Thermal Energy. What the hell is the matter with us.

Destroying these beautiful lands is a sin. Coal is not worth it. We need those wild places. There have been enough of "killing" these God given lands. Stop now, and think of what you are doing! Coal will destroy forever what has been there for ages. Don't allow it.

I am totally shocked that the Forest Service would even consider this. Your duty is to protect, not destroy forests like this. I suppose it's Money is the excuse, not a good reason. Again, REJECT THIS DEAL Your job is to protect our natural heritage for us, the people.

Nowhere in your grand job description are you charged with helping corporations improve their bottom lines by harming our forests. DON'T DO IT!

This would be a travesty if coal companies are permitted access to these public lands. My family and friends have enjoyed these areas in the past for vacations and would like to continue to do so. Our public lands should not be sacrificed in order to boost corporate profits.

Thank you for taking time to read my message and thank you for the work that you do in a particularly challenging period of our country's history. There are many ex forest service professionals in our Master Naturalist organization in Arkansas who provide excellent counsel for our projects.

**PLEASE - NO MORE RAPING OF OUR FORESTS FOR FILTHY COAL!!!**

Investing in non sustainable fossil fuel energy is also a waste of money and keeps our country from being a leader in sustainable energy and economies.

I feel very very strongly about this. Our future is important to everyone! Please do the right thing now. Blessings will be granted upon you when you

do. Thank you and God bless you!

The Forest Service should remember that We The People pay their salaries and lucrative benefits, not Arch Coal! They probably don't even pay their fair share of federal, state and local taxes! Open your eyes and stand for the forests, not the people who are raping our environment and stealing our riches!!!!!!!

Please do not go forward with the proposed Arch Coal Loophole.

It is a bad thing to do. Do not sacrifice our forests and public lands; it is bad for our climate, and bad for the critters and other animals who depend on the forest for life.

Please, stop the butchering of our landscape for mining operations! This is not fair to the Americans, the many different species impacted and the atmosphere, that is, the Earth and its future.

This is unnecessary. It harms our forests and Public lands, accelerates climate change, and is a terrible investment for our country.

"Roadless Areas" have been designated as locations that are not environmentally suitable for roads. They simply do not have roads. The Forest Service should not sacrifice 19,000 acres of any roadless habitat now include "roads." This consideration is more important than that of a company's profit.

The release of a half a billion tons of carbon pollution into the atmosphere negates many, many other projects and actions being done all over the world, to reduce such pollution.

The present Administration is making real progress on climate change by positive actions. We don't need to go backward but forward, as the future is more important.

The Forest Service must support the President's climate goals and not to appease one coal company with deep pockets.

The Forest Service must reject the Arch Coal Loophole to protect our public lands for our future, for our climate and for the good of the American people.

The Forest Service was created to protect and preserve our forests, not to participate in their destruction!

I would love it if the forest service would leave things like they are so my kids can experience nature the way I did.

Roadless habitat is increasingly rare and is existential to maintaining genetic viability in our wild animal and plant populations. It also provides an increasingly rare outdoor experience.

These are public lands and should not be gutted and degraded for the profits of one company. In regards to mining more coal, enough coal and oil has been extracted already that if it were burned it would push temperature increase to the point of totally destabilizing the Earth's climate. Be sensible and consider the risk/benefit ratio!

Please, protect our future, not their profit. And remember, you won't see a dime of that money.

It is a bad thing to do. Do not sacrifice our forests and public lands; it is bad for our climate, and bad for the critters and other animals who depend on the forest for life.

The Forest Service should reject the Arch Coal Loophole to protect our public lands and our climate for the good of the American people AND ESPECIALLY FOR PEOPLE AND ANIMALS AND TREES IN THE FUTURE.

Climate change concerns aside, this is a misuse of public lands for the welfare of big business. Loopholes are usually a manipulation of the spirit of a law, an unfortunate way to manipulate the system. It's my humble opinion that our wild lands need to be protected from

ALL development; otherwise, future generations will never know what nature is.

Thank you for your attention.

I shouldn't even have to be writing to you about this. You are tasked with the responsibility to keep our wildernesses as pristine as nature will permit. It isn't just climate change or global warming or whatever you want to call it - you allow waste water to be pumped into public land in order to facilitate oil removal (fracking) which is strongly suspected as the cause of the 300% increase in earthquakes in Oklahoma alone.

Thank you for considering my appeal.

First, I am disheartened and disturbed that the Forest Service folks I have relied upon to husband our Natural Resources are throwing this restricted area to the corporate wolves. Are you INSANE? The idea that the dirtiest fuel source is being pandered to by the true blue Forest Rangers I once had hoped to join does not make any sense. You are there to protect and serve.

At the very least, this should mean a restructuring of the Forest Service and an elimination of those who do not serve the American people and their beautiful protected forests, rivers and streams.

This is extremely ill-thought out.

Who do you guys work for - Arch Coal? Maybe you should move into another career path as I don't see where you are doing a thing for the natural environment in America. Keep the coal in the ground, and leave what is pristine alone.

It should not be that the people who understand how important our forests and natural lands are have to fight USFS for their preservation. Completely wrong on so many levels since USFS exists strictly to preserve and protect our natural lands. Not to support loop holes that allow the destruction of these treasures forever. Please do the right thing and don't twist the legal issue to ruin something we can't get back once it is gone. This oil addiction is not sustainable.

This insanity must STOP!

This is Public Lands paid for with taxpayer dollars. The U.S. Forest Service does not OWN this land. It is not up to them to GIVE it away.

I urge you to join President Obama's vision regarding climate and therefore reject the proposed Arch Coal Loophole.

I own a home in Colorado and look forward to the peaceful quiet and clean air.

I do not understand a Forest Service that wants to destroy our forests, but then we have an Environmental Protection Agency that wants to destroy the environment, and an Food & Drug Administration that wants us to allow Monsanto to feed us highly poisonous food.

Seriously, take some responsibility here.

The mission of the Forest Service is "To sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations." Its motto is "Caring for the land and serving people." As the lead federal agency in natural resource conservation, the US Forest Service MUST provide leadership in the protection, management, and use of the nation's forest, rangeland, and aquatic ecosystems, not sell them out

to the highest bidder.

I as an American realize how important the forest and parks we preserve are and if we can't protect our own forest how do you expect other nations to protect their own , Colorado is a vast wilderness of untapped medical research, and a wild life preserve for our animals to be safe there are enough big holes in the ground where mountains once stood and there are enough waste ponds from all the dead coal factories do we need to dirty up more clean water when there are fires and droughts throughout this region and what if you all cause a fire ? You going to pay the tab in lost lives , forest and housing, firemen !? Stay out of national and state parks !

I have Master's degrees in both Geology and Biology (Botany) and find your efforts to open the Sunset Roadless Area badly conceived. As a resident of Colorado, I am very aware of how important roadless forest land is in that area. In addition, if the evaluation of the coal as having high methane contents is correct, both coal burning and gas release are climate dangers. The nation is already being battered by consequences of climate change. We cannot afford to take steps counter to efforts to decrease carbon dependence.

These

are, and should be, resources for the PEOPLE, not corporate resources to devastate in order for one company to make money at the expense of all of us, both now and forever into the future.

AMERICA

DOES NOT NEED MORE COAL JUST THE OPPOSITE. IT'S TIME TO PHASE OUT THE USE OF COAL IN THE UNITED STATES.. THE INTERESTS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN MODERATING THE EFFECTS OF CLIMATE CHANGE, WE ALL KNOW IS NOW UNDERWAY, TRUMPS THE INTERESTS OF ARCH COAL.

Yes, the

mandate of the Forest Service includes permitting America's forests to be used for recreation and commercial uses but these conflicting demands must be managed in a balanced manner. If the Arch Coal Loophole is permitted, the forest and its habitat will be destroyed - that is not balanced use.

It

really is past time to keep our carbon sequestered and go to a carbonless energy source.

STOP GLOBAL CLIMATE CHANGE!

"To thine own self be true...thou canst not then be false to any man."

--Polonius in Hamlet

The Arch Coal

Loophole would be a step backwards. I am not surprised Arch Coal wants this loophole. It wants to make money at the expense of the American people.

This is one of the dumbest proposals in the history of forestry. Smoky the Bear would bite you.

I hope you are not a stupid republican who will sell anything for money.

As one-time residents of Colorado, we are particularly offended by the proposal to mine roadless areas for the financial benefit of a company, mining that will only serve to worsen air pollution as the coal is burned.

It's the US FOREST Service, not the US "give public lands and resources away to corporations" Service.

We would get a pittance in royalties, while making a massive negative impact on carbon

sequestration.

This is so important! We are finally getting people to realize how serious we are about keeping the fossil fuels in the ground to save the Earth. And to think that the U.S. Forest Service would make a move like this is unacceptable! We count on you at the Forest Service to protect our Earth, not sell it off!

Please, please! Do not do this

The Forest Service needs to do their job and protect the public lands. I am tired of Big Coal and Oil wanting to ruin the public lands that have been set aside for all of us to enjoy. Do your job and protect these public places.

My husband was a forester for sixty years. He set up timber sales, and I believe in managing trees as a crop. There is more here at stake than the trees, because this is just pointless destruction for greed. We don't even want to use coal, the great polluter. This is sacrilegious and should be stopped.

You live as though you didn't expect to have grandchildren  
Please protect our land for us and for future generations.

Once again, the USFS is giving away the Public's birthright to private Business.

Please stop.

You also are members of Our Public, the word meaning EVERYONE in the U.S. community at large, even those reading this note.

We need to renew public-Public partnerships, v. public-private partnerships. Nature is sacred and We call for a renewal, a renaissance STS, of the Public will.

Please review Our Ninth Circuit Court decision, Adams et al v. USFS (2012) in which volunteer citizens sued to retain simple access to Nature for all U.S. residents (the Public), regardless of their ability to pay.

Think about the future for young U.S. citizens. If you don't have the money, it doesn't matter if it costs a dime, you will be stuck in the dirty cities.

The USPS (national Parks) are already run largely by corporations and being priced out of some citizens' range.

Please check out Our inclusive facebook page, Public Lands. ALL PARTIES WELCOME!

America should be on the right side of history in this, and should have a coherent policy.

Thank you for carefully considering my request, and for your work toward a healthy planet, because the earth is the only earth for all of us.

This is an outrage! The destruction of what is left of our wild world must completely stop!!!

I believe we, as a nation, can be sound economically AND maintain some untouched areas.

PLEASE! There is no going back....

Climate change is real, whether or not you want to believe it. And once you have facilitated the destruction of the ground to extract the coal and released carbon pollution the damage cannot be undone. Please stop

this irresponsible action and help protect our precious -- and finite -- natural resources. Once they're gone, they're gone forever. Thank you.

PLEASE DON'T LET OUR PUBLIC LANDS BE DESPOILED!

When we now know that coal no longer makes economic sense let alone environmental sense this is an unnecessary trade-off that is bad  
Coal, coal you guys want to cut down trees to mine coal.

EXCUSE ME WHILE I CHOKE !!!!!!!!!!!

Behave yourselves. You know better than to destroy the environment and reduce biodiversity.

We need to protect forests while investing and encouraging big business to invest in development of clean fuel and renewable fuel sources of energy. The human race cannot afford to keep living and operating as business as usual. Do not let you greed make your decision. Make it with your conscience and using common sense. DO NOT DIG UP THIS COAL. THANK YOU!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

I am an ecologist who has seen first-hand the impacts of coal mining in the American west -- and the subsequent impacts of "rehabilitation of strip-mined lands with the exotic invasive Crested Wheat Grass from South Africa. The proposal to allow coal mining on National Forests in this day and age is outrageous.

No way. Never!

As I'm sure you know, our strategy to avoid even worse climate disruption is to leave as much of the fossil fuel in the ground as possible. Please do your part to promote this strategy! You play a key role in helping save our planet's fine environment.

No more divided loyalty, no more short-sightedness!

Act in the people's interests!

To destroy what is left of Nature is insanity. I must ask: What is wrong with you? You cannot see the forests for the trees that you destroy by giving license to the worst and most destructive dirty energy corporations around. You cannot undermine scientific evidence, and not see the consequences of your actions for yourselves. The name U.S. Forest "Service" is indeed a misnomer. DISservice is more appropriate. My peoples honor the land, for we know the consequences of dishonoring Her. If there is any honor left in what is called the U.S. Forest Service, please do not sacrifice public lands to the gods of greed, and destruction.

Let's not go down the wrong road. Thank you for your interest and service.

Let's keep our forest lands intact for future generations to use and enjoy.

The decision to allow coal company mining in the North Fork area should be left to future generations.

I live in an area surrounded by National Forests and value our public lands for hiking, skiing and the clean air they produce. Please make a decision to help protect these lands.

These are lands that are set aside for our posterity; they are not set aside for big polluting industries!

Please, don't destroy any more of Colorado's beautiful wilderness than has already been destroyed.

Coal is not our future, it is our past. People cannot exist in the past, we can only remember the folly of those that came before us, most of them long dead, a few still clinging to remnants of a life lived in pursuit of goals that were ultimately unsatisfying and tremendously harmful to future generations. Perhaps we were not meant to last as a species, because if we do not possess the insight to see how continually throwing more carbon into our atmosphere to satisfy our insatiable, ever-growing demands for energy, regardless of the source, we will most certainly destroy all ecological balance on this planet and slowly cook ourselves alive. I sincerely hope that you will not be one of the people who, due to ignorance, short-sightedness, greed or external pressures, sends us even further down this nihilistic path. You must keep those greedy buggers out of there!!!! We don't NEED that coal and everyone knows it. We need money and energy spent on promoting clean energy!!! Leave that sickening Methane locked in the ground along with the coal.

Coal companies have leveled mountains, destroyed streams and human communities in the Appalachians. They are now proposing doing the same thing to a huge tract of land in Colorado. This will bring death and destruction to 19,000 acres of wilderness biome, killing huge numbers of animals, and spewing methane into the atmosphere.

In the long run - we will never break our addiction to coal if we keep feeding it for profit. We must stop mining it for the sake of our climate. And this issue is a double strike against it in that we need those thousands of trees to help pull CO2 from the atmosphere. Destroying the trees AND mining the coal is a double strike against the planet immediately - with a 3rd strike against us when it is burned. I cannot imagine anything more stupid at this moment in time!

It's the one percent rule claiming first place over the 99 percent who own and can use the wilderness--or just keep it safe for our collective future. The Forest Service needs to rethink this decision and change its decision. We need to move away from fossil fuels and toward renewable energy before human activity overcomes the climate that sustains us.

I spent my summers growing up in Colorado, and learned a LOT of my love of, and for, GOD'S Creations there. DO NOT desecrate this land...TRY to help mend the travesties that complete IDIOTS have perpetrated on all of our Heritages, solely for the sake of MONEY. Are you going to be blind and stupid, while believing you and yours WON'T ultimately be adversely affected by the WRONG decisions and actions? CHOOSE WELL..Be a good steward of what you are supposed to be protecting...as that money won't buy you a thing when meeting your Maker...

For once, just do the right thing...

Colorado is working to transition to cleaner fuels in the face of climate change. We do not need or want to destroy pristine forest to access more coal.

Many years ago I lived and hiked and skied in the beautiful mountain country of Colorado. I saw first hand the scars that were left by mining companies in the decades of yesteryear, as permitted by the Mining Act of 1872. The mining operations of recent years have become even more destructive and more lawless and conducted on a bigger scale by far than anything that was done in the early 1900s.

So it seems to me to be irresponsible on an equally large scale even to consider permitting Arch Coal to extract coal out of these beautiful

mountains, especially given the fact that every aspect of coal extraction is environmentally damaging.

Once again, we ordinary American people find it necessary to write to a federal government agency, the U.S. Forest Service, calling on you to protect the interests of the people (which is your job, by the way) and to say "no" to the special interests of large corporate interests, such as Arch Coal.

NO NO NO NO!!!!

America's forests and federal lands are owned by all of us, and they shouldn't be mined for the \$ benefit of the very few.  
Do the right thing!

Look whats happening to Brazil- Sao Paulo!! They have cut back their rain forests and now are in a tremendous drought!! We need to protect our forests wherever they are---to protect our water and our future.

I can only guess that your department, like many other governmental agencies, is desperate for funding. This is not the way to do it! The coal industry has plenty more lands in Kentucky and West Virginia to continue to destroy. Let's not give them this treasured habitat. We do not need more air pollution from coal. Will your next step be to not allow your scientist to write about or discuss climate change.

This proposal is REALLY a very bad deal for the American people except for Arch Coal and whomever it is paying off to get this deal. As more and more of our land is cleared we need all the wild areas still available to us for hiking and for wildlife. We are phasing out coal-so why should we accept this proposal? To export it? Then it is even a worse deal for the USA. Please reject this proposal.

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IMPACT WOULD BE GLOBAL. COAL IS YESTERDAY'S ENERGY. TIME TO GET WITH THE TWENTY-FIRST CENTURY AND GO CLEAN RENEWABLE!

It is WRONG to create ay roads in this area.

Sadly, I had no clue that Arch Coal had this much influence!

WE DON'T NEED MORE OF THIS. LET'S BUILD GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE AND SUPPORT GREEN LEGISLATION!!!

Global warming is real. Say no to more pollution, coporate rape, and big coal. It s an obsolete energy source.

You are deliberately causing more pollution and health problems ...STOP it now...

NO - THIS IS WRONG!

Plus, we need more coal like we need a hole in the head. C'mon you guys, do something right - for a change. This is BS stuff.

Coal is a substance that needs to be severely curtailed if not completely eliminated from use. It is both harmful to the immediate environment but is gradually destroying this planet. Please come into the 21st century and help to save our world, not speed up its destruction.

Hey asshole. How much would your cut be, exactly?

NO,NO,NO! This is crazy! The planet can not stand any more unnecessary carbon released into the biosphere. Leave it in the ground.

Not to mention that the untouched forest is acting as a carbon sink.

How stupid can we be?

Park Rangers, my heroes of childhood; independent woodsmen, courteous, and more than trustworthy. Now,many years later, to find the management (at the least) of the Forest Service may be in big coal's hip pocket.

This hard to believe and, if true, more than a little sad.

Why does the Forest Service EXIST? Is your DUTY, your "stewardship", to PROTECT our forests and environment? Or is it to SERVE those big corporations who have historically DESTROYED, and care only about PROFIT?

Please help protect the general welfare, and help save humanity and our Earth, especially the wild portions that we need to protect for our own survival.

Regardless of the arguments from Arch Coal, this is simply a case of corporate control of policies that affect the environment negatively and put at risk land and natural resources - beyond coal - that belong to all of us. Allowing this to go forward would be a strong message that the government is controlled by those with money who buy political influence. Please don't allow that!

**STOP DESTROYING OUR PLANET!**

**MINING MORE COAL??**

What retrograde mindset would prompt a federal agency to promote the mining of more coal - to burn in more vanishing coal fired power stations - to pollute more air and water and make more people sick - to say nothing of unloading more methane into the atmosphere. Do we have to fight this ridiculous battle every time a company wants to destroy more public land to make more pollution simply because that's what they DO. Find another mission - create other jobs - make another product - and STOP MINING COAL.

Coming from the coal state of WV, I am well acquainted with Arch Coal.

Again I ask that you reject the Arch Coal Loophole. Public lands are for the public, who pays your salaries. Climate effects all of us, all over the planet. Trees are our best allies in the fight to save the atmosphere, thus the climate. Not one more tree should be cut for well pads nor carbon dug until we manage to reverse the damages we have done.

Outside of pure personal gain and financial greed, I don't understand why anyone would even consider this a good idea.

Also, we should this proceed

further you can be sure we will next be demanding transparency on what is the trade off that is inducing your department to even consider doing this.

We need to have less coal mining and more work on changing our fuel sources to something else..

For the sake of all of us and our planet, it's time to move beyond coal for our energy sources.

exploiting the vast coal reserves of colorado is another step into the dark ages of heavy industry. a hundred years ago, most people in your state would willingly go along with endorsing this toxic and antiquated mining practice, but this is 2015. most people no longer view this as acceptable within the bigger picture of global environmental health and resource management.

The

role of the US Forest Service is to protect the nation's environment and natural resources for the good of all, not to grease the skids for private interests at the expense of all in the form of environmental degradation, more pollution and fewer outdoor recreational opportunities. Do not permit the Arch Coal mine expansion!

Can't you just be fired? We don't need government officials in the pocket of big coal. Enough is enough. Save the president the trouble and just resign!

Our focus should be on clean, renewable energy. Imagine the money and resources spent on solar, wind, anything that won't cause the

irreversible damage of a coal company bulldozing 19,000 acres of forest.

Public lands are meant to be reserved for the common good and our combined future.

We

don't need coal and shouldn't use it; It should be left in the ground forever.

We should be using cleaner energy sources than coal in this country. Roads in areas of mining and of gas well drilling/production take over the landscape. Roads and mining/well drilling degrade the environment and affect the plants and animals. Those roads allow in other traffic, which increases the negative impact on the environment. I lived in an area like this; the amount of plastics and other garbage in the area was disgusting and detrimental to the wildlife.

Coal is a

dirty energy option. Coal miners in other parts of the country are being laid off as their employers close mines due to a decrease in demand for their product.

I can't believe that you would rape the American people to provide corporate profits of no benefit to them. Or maybe I be do, maybe you're just as corrupt as the rest of our shameful government.

Please do what is best for the forest and public lands!

We (the global "we") must find alternatives to using coal for fuel. Not only does this Arch Coal project destroy more natural environment, it just encourages and prolongs the world's dependence on fossil fuel resource extraction.

Sir, is this truly the right thing to do!? There really has to be another answer, because we will find a way to stop this needless rape of our beautiful country!

There goes the loss of more wildlife and beautiful land..So sad. This m,just not happen. Thank you.

**NO MORE COAL!**

Protect our public lands, protect our air quality, protect the environment from pollutions!

I don't want to go backwards in regards to land stewardship- let's continue to move forward and care for our land, water and air-- which is what is good for all people-- not just a few! This is a BAD deal for Tax paying citizens!

It's time to save our lives by saving the planet. There is no dollar amount high enough.to warrant not doing so.

Don't be short sighted. Be forward thinking.

Hey, no way can you do this to our public lands, the nerve of this greedy company, And the coal will probably be shipped to China as we don't want our citizens to use such a dirty fuel.

Public use for private gain.

The Forest Service needs to preserve the heritage of the Earth and not be an instrument of destruction. We need to stop acting like greed-crazed goons.

Fossil fuels need to be phased out. It is contradictory to open new mines. Sustainable, clean energy is for now and the future for the health of citizens and the planet. It's our challenge, but we must do all we can now, but it shouldn't be so difficult when it's the U.S. forests wild lands that are at stake.

I share the concerns of the Sierra Club.

I urge you to say NO

Once its gone its gone. There is no national coal emergency.

Keep the reserves where they are!

America needs to provide leadership in the fight to protect our world! What the heck are you thinking???? Certainly not about the physical consequence of the Arch Coal Loophole.

Not only do we not want the coal mining to destroy our public lands, we do not need coal generated energy. It is a waste on all fronts. Put the money in renewable energy and keep the land and air clean. Think of the impact on the underground network that supports aspens in the Rocky Mountain area. They are already challenged. Why add to the stress?

The Intermountain West cannot for a moment think that it will be excepted from the consequences that are currently brutalizing the more Western states. Water resource depletion is inextricably linked to the CO2 and other VOC emissions. Forest is a sink for such gasses; removing it to subsidize the Emissions Industry is not the trade off we should be making at this time -- regardless of the benefits of low-sulfur coal.

We do NOT need another 19,000 acres of Colorado opened up to mining! We need more roadless areas in this country, not fewer. We do NOT need to keep subsidizing the coal industry, one of the worst polluters and land-destroyers in our country and in the world. I urge the U. S. Forest Service to reject the Arch Coal Loophole and protect our public lands for our children and grandchildren to enjoy!

As a retired US Forest Service employee, I agree that sacrificing 19,000 acres to coal extraction would be a travesty to the American people and the world. Our planet is already badly threatened by climate change and releasing more carbon in the atmosphere is only going to make things worse.

Don't steal what belongs to everyone in exchange for greedy persona, anyone with half a brain knows we don't need to be dependent on dirty energy and that clean energy has always been and always will be available & it can be free...imagine that!

We don't need this coal anywhere in the world. It will end up in all of our lungs. Use our genius to harness other energy.

Are you out of your mind?

Please don't give in to pressure from Arch Coal.

**DO IT FOR AMERICA'S CHILDREN!!!!**

Arch Coal has gotta be kidding.

**PLEASE PROTECT THIS PRICELESS RESOURCE!**

I strongly support this petition.

This is so wrong in so many ways that it is difficult to realize that it is actually being considered. This is madness! Please do not do it

The Forest Service is in charge of protecting our lands with balance for all. The Arch Coal Loophole is not balanced as it has no benefit besides profit and pollution. We strongly urge you to reject this proposition.

I am appalled at the project.