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Comments:

I strongly oppose opening a roadless area to coal mining for the following reasons.

1. It is a roadless area and coal mines require roads. Once roads are created, it is very difficult to take them away. Like wilderness, roadless areas need to be protected or there will be nothing left.
2. We should not be permitting new coal mining. Renewable energy is not just as if not more cost effective than coal with a more positive social and environmental impact. We cannot afford to burn more coal for decades into the future.
3. This decision ignores significant climate impacts. This administration has taken strong action on climate in some areas and yet ignored the contribution of coal in other areas. We cannot continue to burn coal over the long term while also securing a safe climate.