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Good day ladies and gentlemen,

As a committed environmental activist and an avid, lifelong lover of the Colorado National Forest systems, I strongly urge you to maintain the fully roadless area in question.

As a branch of the federal administration, you all must be well aware of recent Obama initiatives to sharply reduce greenhouse gas production in Colorado and in all states. Coal used as fuel is a serious CO2 emitter. It should stay in the ground. All states need to replace coal power with renewables, and CO is a great place to do this, especially with solar and wind. Instead, I encourage you to open appropriately common and environmentally acceptable areas, such as some recently cleared and replanted forest areas, to alternate energy evaluation.

Also, I'm sure you recall the recent Supreme Court decision which identified CO2 pollution as a significant cause of sharp declines in endangered polar bear populations in Alaska. As a federal administrative agency, you have notable responsibility to take reasonable action to first contain - and then to reduce - CO2 pollution world wide. So please do what you can, including to reject any new fossil fuel production, especially from coal, in areas under your jurisdiction. Instead, won't you please encourage renewables development?

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter,
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