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Comments:

I am a resident of Colorado for 65 years. I own properties in four counties including an original homestead in the Gunnison National Forest. I fully support the No Action Alternative. The Forest Service's Proposed Action to disregard the long established roadless rule is counterproductive to the established and sustained roadless rule which has long been supported by the residents of the state of Colorado and the local residents who live near and use these areas. The Forest Service should act as an unbiased custodian of these land and protect the roadless nature of these lands by not opening up 19,700 acres of roadless forest in Gunnison County to coal mining.

While the following has been written by other individuals I support this content without reservation. I have worked for decades in my life with the Forest Service and the Colorado Parks and Wildlife and others to enhance certain Forest Service lands including some of which is located in the Gunnison National Forest and included in certain roadless areas. Any decision other than the no action alternative would be an injustice to those who have worked to preserve the roadless nature of these lands.

The Proposed Action should be rejected because it would degrade sensitive roadless lands, worsen climate change, hobble renewable energy generation, and result in billions of dollars of damage to the global environment and economy, all while likely benefiting only a single corporation: Arch Coal.

Mining the coal at issue could result in displacing a total of 40,000 gigawatt hours of renewable energy from the grid over a 38-year period, and could cause up to \$12 billion in costs to the world economy.

The Forest Service must disclose the impact of methane pollution on the environment by including the social cost of methane in its analysis.

The Forest Service should address the foreseeable impacts on wildlife and wildlife habitat. Species found in and around the North Fork Coal Area include elk, mule deer, black bear, mountain lion, wild turkey, Canada lynx, and greenback cutthroat trout, a federally-threatened species.

The Forest Service is required to consider a range of reasonable alternatives, including an alternative that protects the Pilot Knob Roadless Area, and the roadless wildlife enhancement area in and around Hubbard Park and the area west of the Overland Reservoir including alternatives that reduce methane and climate pollution resulting from the decision.