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To Whom It May Concern:

As a retired scientist and teacher I am very disturbed to learn of plans by the US Forest Service to make an exception to the Colorado Roadless Rule which would open up public lands to coal mining by Arch Coal. Just having heard President Obama speak about the seriousness of Climate Change and the US global commitment in Paris to reducing our emissions it would be hypocritical to have the US enabling the mining of more coal, the fossil fuel that results in the highest greenhouse emissions. President Obama emphasized the current transition to alternative less polluting forms of energy. What is being planned in Colorado runs counter to that.

I taught about climate change starting in 1990 and what I taught is happening now. I have four grandchildren and the lands the Forest Service is thinking of opening up for coal mining belong to them and future generations and should be held in trust by the US Government and not exploited in a manner that is detrimental to the future of a healthy planet. I strongly oppose the exemption.