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Dear USFS,

Please do not approve the coal mining project proposed for the roadless area in the North Fork Valley in Gunnison County, Colorado. I support the no action alternative for this pristine wildlife area. I'm a 4th generation Colorado native and grew up spending countless days with my family enjoying the very area proposed for new roads, coal mines and methane drainage wells. We do not want to destroy this area for more non-alternative energy production. Coal and methane consumption produces pollution and toxic byproducts for our environment. This project would displace elk, deer, black bear, mountain lions, grouse, endangered Canadian Lynx and greenback cutthroat trout. There are many people who hike, camp, backpack, watch wildlife, snowshoe, fish, and hunt this area. Please look at the damage the Oxbow mining company has done to the natural environment near the proposed mining area in the same valley. They have stripped the land of beauty, displaced wintering elk herds, and after taking the resources they wanted still haven't restored any of the damage, removed equipment, cleaned up old abandoned buildings or replanted roads or the bulldozed areas from their projects. Please don't allow this area to be stripped of its natural beauty and enjoyment by so many people and animals, we are losing too many places like this one in our state and country everyday.