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Comments:

Good day - there is simply no rational excuse for permitting coal extraction in Colorado's roadless forests. Arch Coal has filed for bankruptcy, reflecting a broader, fast-declining trend in the coal market. Coal has become a money sink, and investments in new plants and infrastructure have sunk to a new low. The Sierra Club's Beyond Coal campaign has illustrated this point well, as hundreds of utility applications for new plants have been denied. The economics simply do not make any sense, and this is notwithstanding the carbon emissions, pollution, and destructive extraction. Colorado's environment - already under stress from rising populations, ongoing droughts, reduced precipitation, pine beetle infestation, and other effects of climate change - needs all the protection it can get. Authorizing further leasing and extraction in one of the few pristine areas that we have left is madness. Layer the fact that you're asking the public to support such environmental destruction on behalf of a dying industry seems to be a corporate giveaway of the worst kind. Please reject this proposal.