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Dear US Forest Service,

I am writing to recommend that the Forest Service proceed with Alternate A, under which the North Fork Coal Mining Area exception would not be reinstated.

Your analysis shows that the impacts on global climate change are the least under this alternative. Alternative A would prevent emissions equivalent to 0.6% of all US emissions - an amount equivalent to the annual emissions of a major city such as New York City or Chicago, and a hugely important action in helping to stop global climate change.

I thank the Forest Service for its comprehensive review of all of the environmental issues associated with coal mining on National Forest land in Colorado.