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Comments:

By not closing this loophole, the release of up to 486 million tons of carbon pollution will cost not only the health of our public lands, but also would increase climate change, as well as the resultant huge costs from the damage it will cause. The goal set by the President in March 2015 is to reduce emissions from 2005 levels over 10 years and from US commitments under COP21 to review to reduce emissions further. The federal court's grounds for upholding the loophole in 2014 are no longer valid. The United States Forest Service needs to protect our inheritance, not the coal industries' profits.