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Dear USFS,

I'm writing to urge you to withdraw the proposal to permit the loophole in the Colorado Roadless Rule and allow Arch Coal to mine over 170 million tons of coal in Colorado's North Fork Valley, potentially releasing up to 486 million tons of carbon pollution and driving climate change.

Today, the threat of climate change to our natural environment and our economy has never been clearer. And the clean energy solutions we need to power our lives without destroying our planet are getting more affordable and accessible by the day.

Allowing Arch Coal to expand mining and release millions of tons of pollution would not only be a major step backward, but could cost up to \$13 billion in damages to our global environment and economy. We can't let short-term corporate gain trump the long-term health of our climate and our communities.

Colorado mountain communities deserve a future supported by sustainable industries, not polluters damaging our climate and a business even fossil fuel companies recognize as declining quickly. Americans across the nation deserve a future where we can thrive and raise our families without the threat of devastating climate change.

For the sake of Americans today and future generations around the world, I urge you to preserve the Colorado Roadless Rule and close the Arch Coal loophole.

Sincerely,

Michael Sobczak