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The undesirable nature of this idea is intuitively obvious to even the most casual observer.

This is our land to be protected not handed over to a senseless plan to cause more destruction and pollution. Do your job.

I also ask, what happened along the way? What happened to being caretakers and doing the right thing not because we have to, but because we're supposed to.

Make a difference. Set an example. Do the right thing. Make your ancestors proud.

The policy that supports this action is obsolete and incongruent with current mandates and the known consequences of this project would be devastating.

Please act reasonably and responsibly. Don't ignore the danger and damage this action would create. Please reject exploiting the coal mining loophole to the Colorado Roadless Rule.

All the items listed below are good reasons, but for me the most important is this: We have NO alternatives to clean water, clean air, and natural spaces. We have PLENTY of alternatives to fossil fuels. As soon as we get on board with that fact, we can get in the alternative energy race in a real way and stop getting our asses kicked by cloudy Germany and polluted China.

percent in ten years as well as the president's goal of reducing emissions from federal agencies

PLEASE DON'T DO THIS!!!

According to the Sierra Club, Arch Coal's mine would exacerbate the damage.

What are you thinking?

I can't believe the FS would even consider something like this. Preserve this area permanently. Leave the coal in the ground!

You were put in your position to PROTECT our climate and this beautiful roadless forest, not to kowtow to mining interests. Therefore, it is incumbent on you to REJECT and eliminate the coal mining loophole to the Colorado Roadless Rule.

This is absolutely INSANE. Did you not hear abt the Paris climate talks, and the decision that Preserving forests is the only way we're going to survive?

Your purpose as the Forest Service is not to sell the rights to our wilderness, but to protect it. Do your jobs, please.

Please protect the virgin forests from the loophole.

No way should you be allowed to do this!

We need to keep our contry safe for our children -- this means not releasing the carbon pollution locked under the ground.

We must not destroy our remaining wilderness.

Has no one been paying attention to climate change and the harm it's causing our planet?! Nevermind that people are fed up with these a-hole companies destroying every spec of nature and the wildlife that depends on it.

This plan is out of step with the goal of cutting U.S. carbon emissions by 26

This loophole also sets the stage miles of road being bulldozed on a now roadless forest area; degrading habitat for wildlife and compromising the ecological function and value of this ecosystem.

Please protect our climate and the roadless forest by Roadless Rule. It's foolish, shortsighted and just plain wrong.

coal mining loophole in the Colorado Road less Rule.

release more methane by expanding the mine and building new methane well pads would only

Please protect our climate and this beautiful road-less forest by

make the damage worse at a time when we can least afford it.

In addition, it makes little (if any) sense to grant Arch Coal authorization to mine coal on even more acres when it cannot manage its own affairs now sufficiently well to stave off bankruptcy.

(psssst: coal is becoming obsolete quicker than you can read my objections below..)

In fact, I very strongly oppose it; \$13 billion in damage to the environment and world economy? Are you seriously continuing to support such a putrid and toxic endeavor? Repair your already bad reputation and disallow Arch Coal the permission to pollute on PUBLICLY-OWNED, ROADLESS forest land! And YOU are not even "the public" in whose name this land has been put aside.

I oppose the Forest Service ill conceived and destructive proposal to reopen the

You are talking about taxpayer resources. Leave the carbon in the ground

TAKE NOTE...

I oppose the Forest Service's reopening the

The Obama administration should stop leasing coal on our public lands.

As someone who spends a great deal of time on our public lands, and who is concerned about a cleaner, greener energy future for the world,

Given the agreement just reached in Paris on climate change it is senseless to continue to mine coal. We have to put an end to coal mining now. I encourage you to deny any additional permits to mine coal and other fossil fuels from public lands!

Expanding Arch Coal's mine has the potential to release up to 486 million tons of carbon pollution that could cause up to \$13 billion in methane into our

The more we let these corporate polluters get away with the more they will persist in destroying our environment for the betterment of their bottom line!

It's time to just leave coal in the ground, our technology has advanced well beyond the 19th century as has our knowledge of effects carbon emissions have on our world.

Corporate profits today are not worth the health and well being of future generations who we have already overburdened with our reckless consumption of our world's resources. This careless greed must stop now for the sake of our grandchildren.

In this time of so much loss of other life forms with which we share this amazing world we can not let the voices of greed cause us to forget that the loss of any of these species diminishes our world as a whole and thereby diminishes each of us.

I vehemently

I hope I can count on your support of this request.

Derek Gendvil  
Las Vegas

methane -- (which is )-- directly into our

A truly outrageous trade!

Expanding Arch Coal's mine will provide access to 170 million tons of coal and will

This carbon pollution can cause up to \$13 billion in environment.

The methane -- 86 times more damaging -- and releases it directly into the atmosphere every day.

Expanding the mine and building new methane well pads will exacerbate the damage

This plan does not cut U.S. carbon emissions or reduce emissions by 40 percent.

This loophole will allow up to 72 miles of road to be bulldozed on 30 square miles of forest,

Please protect the climate and this beautiful roadless forest by rejecting the coal mining loophole .  
Roadless Rule.

We MUST keep climate-changing fossil fuels in the ground!  
Roadless Rule.

I think there is a sad disconnect in the thinking.

Protect our forests from the harms of unmitigated damages caused by fossil fuel extraction, transportation and combustion. Roadless Rule. In addition to the local and regional degradation and destruction the Arch mine would contribute significantly to unmitigated harms from increased carbon emissions and climate change.

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Please protect this beautiful roadless forest, our health,wildlife and climate by

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I approve this . rbp  
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What possible rationale if there for this? Coal is the number one target to be eliminated from how we generate electricity. It is not only environmentally destructive to extract, it produces climate-killing carbon dioxide and major air pollutants when burned. The U.S. has pledged to make very significant reductions in greenhouse gas emissions at the recent climate conference in Paris. It will take the total elimination of burning coal -- and much more -- for us to meet our goals. So why reintroduce an exception to the Colorado Roadless Rule for an energy source we must phase out as quickly as possible?

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methane, which is 90 times more damaging to our climate than carbon , directly into our

**THIS LAND BELONGS TO THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY, AND WE DO NOT WANT IT TO BE DESTROYED.**

Please listen to US, THE PEOPLE.

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Additionally, the domestic demand for coal has decreased. There is only one 'reason' to mine this coal and that is for export. Added to the carbon emissions resulting from this mining, add the carbon emissions for the required transport to foreign markets. In light of the recent Paris agreements, the mining of this coal is a violation of the trust of the rest of the World on the integrity of the United States to live up to those accords.

Time to live by your conscience. Live in integrity, courage and wisdom. You know you can if you want to. Now is the time.

I'm a taxpayer and you DO NOT have my permission to tear up the environment and degrade it for the animals who live there!!! Get with it, Solar is the new oil!!!!

STOP THE GLUTTONY!!

I am appalled that you, the US Forest Service is considering letting the second biggest coal company in the country bulldoze through thousands of acres of publicly-owned roadless forest so they can mine more than 170 million tons of taxpayer-owned coal. This has the potential to This is OUR land--we the taxpayers pay for this land to be roadless.

Your own Forest Service analysis found that this could cause up to \$13 billion in damages to the world's economy and environment. This is the wrong direction. The climate talks just ended in Paris with the goal of reducing carbon pollution. And you are even giving this a second thought?

Your proposal to reopen the coal mining loophole in the Colorado Roadless Rule is wrong. How could you even think about doing this? Enough of our wildlife and wildland have already been destroyed. Stop the greed. Keep our forests protected and reject the Arch Coal Loophole. Keep 170 million tons of taxpayer-owned coal in the ground where it belongs. Alternative energy is the right direction. You know it. So protect our forests. That is your job.

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Instead of the filthiest energy source on Earth we need ZERO CARBON AND ZERO METHANE sources of power regardless of claims made by the coal and oil lobbies. No, their profits don't matter to me, nor should they to you either,

Please stop it now.

It is a serious blow to the environment and will help hasten climate change instead of fighting it. This decision is not in keeping with the Paris climate change agreement or the philosophy of leaving fossil fuels in the ground.

You are supposed to protect our land, not demolish it. If you take a vote, more taxpayers would leave the land as it is.

Coal isn't harmful if left in the ground.

Mining and burning more coal is bad for our planet, bad for you and bad for me.

After the failed attempt to sell product from the coal mines West of Trinidad, I can't see how to justify any more coal mining in Our State/Country.

Roadless Rule. We are heating up to intolerable, biocidic levels. We must keep coal in the ground!

As a parent, early childhood educator and advocate, and person of faith

You know what a mess this mine would make.

\*\*\*This Forest Service proposal to punch 65 miles of roads into a precious forest to retrieve 130 million tons of carbon pollution is an outrageous, heinous abdication of its responsibility to our precious forest ecosystem, and to its mandate the uphold the public interest in the highest values of these lands. At precisely the time that our country desperately must discontinue the use of coal, the Forest Service would destroy one of the finest remaining roadless forests under its jurisdiction in Colorado to extract more coal. A more perverse negation of the public and national interest could scarcely be imagined.\*\*\*

No, no, no! I TOTALLY coal mining loophole in the Colorado Roadless Rule.

What are you thinking!?! Are you thinking at all? You certainly aren't thinking about the disastrous environmental impact of your proposal. As my mother used to say, straighten up and fly right. This is my country you're talking about screwing up even further.

Oh, hell no!

Thank you,

I am a retired chemical engineer well acquainted with the destructive mining industry.

This and all coal henceforth belongs strictly in the ground.  
Roadless Rule.

We MUST keep climate-changing fossil fuels in the ground!  
There are a few reasons for my opposition.

First of all, our national forests and roadless areas are publicly owned lands that have been put aside for their protection. Allowing companies to mine or otherwise extract resources from them is contrary to the purpose of these lands.

Additionally, even if some resource extraction is allowed, it should not be done at such minimal cost to extraction industries. These are taxpayer funded, publicly owned lands, and they are being allowed to be cleared and stripped of resources for pennies on the dollar while the costs of pollution are passed back to the taxpayer.

More importantly, attempting to develop fossil fuel sources in pristine areas or from increasingly marginal deposits represents a step backwards in our energy policy. In order to combat climate change, we need to be focusing on increasing the efficiency of our current energy use and weaning ourselves off fossil fuels by furthering the development of renewable energy sources.

The protection of public lands was designed to preserve areas for their scenic beauty, not to open them up wholesale to industry. Coal also represents the dirtiest of the fossil fuels; not only is the extraction of coal from protected lands inherently wrong, it is also an increase in the use of a fossil fuel that we should be striving to use less

We can't keep destroying every forest in our country! As long as big oil can it will continue to drill on our precious public lands unless these loopholes are closed.

So do your jobs.

EVERYONE KNOWS WE DON'T NEED MORE COAL !!!

I pray that in light of the recent agreement at the Paris Climate Change conference that this letter to you will be unnecessary, and that plans for allowing Arch Coal's mining in Colorado to expand will be scrapped completely. But, just in case, I would like to go on record as opposing the Forest Service proposal to reopen the

I say A LOUD NO NO NO to the Forest Service crazy idea to reopen the

provide access to 170 million tons of new coal which can release up to 486 million tons of carbon pollution, AND \$13 billion in environment. HUGELY more damaging to our climate DAILY. Expanding the mine and building new methane well pads would only exacerbate the damage!.

This loophole would also set the stage for WE CANNOT KEEP MURDERING CRITTERS AND THE ENVIRONMENT.

You MUST reject the coal mining loophole to the Colorado Roadless Rule.

If you have ever lived in Colorado you would understand why it deserves the utmost protection. Like no other place on earth every inch of land is so proud wild and free. The people who call it home will fight to the death to keep it pristine. Please respect their mission and do the same.

It's time to just leave coal in the ground, our technology has advanced well beyond the 19th century as has our knowledge of effects carbon emissions have on our world.

Most of us do not want oil drilling or mining for coal.

The answer is no to destroy, apparently they place no value on nature and the wild animals.

Please protect our climate and this beautiful road-less forest by rejecting the coal mining loophole to the Colorado Road-less Rule.

PLEASE LOOK AT THE BIG PICTURE--FOR THE GOOD OF AMERICA AND FOR THE GOOD OF THE PLANET. OUR FAILURE TO ELIMINATE DEPENDENCE ON COAL AND OIL AND NUCLEAR POWER IS A MAJOR NATIONAL SECURITY PROBLEM. IT IS IMPORTANT TO THE PLANET AND TO NATIONAL SECURITY TO MAKE ENERGY EFFICIENCY AND SUSTAINABILITY A LOCAL, STATE, AND FEDERAL PRIORITY. WE MUST STOP DESTROYING OUR ENVIRONMENT AND CONVERT TO SUSTAINABLE ENERGY. PERIOD. SUSTAINABLE ENERGY IS THE ANSWER. NO COAL. NO OIL. NO NUCLEAR POWER. THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS CLEAN COAL OR CLEAN OIL OR CLEAN, SAFE NUCLEAR POWER. I HAVE TO BREATHE THIS AIR AND I DON'T WANT IT POLLUTED! WE SHOULD BE LEADING

THE WORLD IN THIS EFFORT, NOT DRAGGING OUR FEET! WE NEED TO STOP ALL FAVORS, SUBSIDIES AND TAX BREAKS FOR COAL AND OIL COMPANIES!

We need to protect our forests and wild places from destruction,

Expanding Arch Coal's mine = the potential to harm the environment. Expanding the mine and building new methane well pads would only exacerbate the damage currently being generated at a time when we can least afford it.

This is a step backward from the critical goal of cutting U.S. carbon emissions by 26

percent. Methane is 86 times more damaging to the global climate than carbon dioxide - directly into the atmosphere every day. Expanding the mine and building new methane well pads would

ALL FOSSIL FUELS = DEATH, AND COAL IS THE DEADLIEST! STOP COMMITTING MURDER!!

I did studies on streams and logging in Northwest WA. Roads were the chief cause of erosion and habitat destruction. Fish habitat was particularly harmed. Another problem caused by the roads is that people would hunt animals and fish out of season. They were easy to spot as their vehicles had no license plates. Frankly, it was not safe to be there. Roads and culverts do massive damage to forests.

We MUST keep climate-changing fossil fuels in the ground!

Leave it in the ground. This project undermines the agreement reached by world leaders at the Paris climate change conference Dec. 2015. Use public lands to develop profitable renewable energy industries - let's share the wealth.

This is my land and I don't want it to be used and abused in this way, plus it is bad for the whole planet. Keep the fossil fuels in the ground

Now is not the time to be opening another coal mine! And I really can't see how such an expansion of coal production can be the justification for degrading a roadless forest.

This land belongs to the public, and the public does not want it bulldozed and destroyed.

Additional carbon dioxide that will dissolve into the ocean will cause untold damage to shellfish and coral reefs, and the food chains dependent on them.

The wilderness is getting smaller and smaller as it is. Adding road only hastens this destruction. Doing so to facilitate coal mining is ludicrous. Keep the coal in the ground.

How much is the unspoiled wilderness worth?

President Obama called on the federal government to reduce its impact on our environment by aiming for all of its actions to lead to a net benefit, or at least no net loss, on our lands, waters, and wildlife. Are you doing this with this decision?

PLEASE TAKE THE RIGHT, FAIR, JUST, HUMANE AND HEALTHY ACTION AND DEFEND THE COAL ROADLESS RULE: REJECT THE COAL MINING LOOPHOLE.

You also know that the \$13 BILLION in environmental damages will come out of our pockets, while Arch Coal takes their gazillions in profits, laughing, all the way to the bank.

Please protect the environment and all the inhabitants of our home, the Earth.

I am against your proposal to reopen the coal mining loophole in the Colorado Roadless Rule.

My dad used to work for the Forest Service. He also fought regulations that were not wise. I also lived 10 years in Colorado, and there isn't a rational reason for destroying Colorado's most precious resource, its natural beauty. Thank you for your time

What a terrible idea! Don't do it!

Please do the right thing now!

Please protect our climate and this beautiful road-less forest by

Let's support the common good.

**PLEASE TAKE THE RIGHT, FAIR, JUST, HUMANE AND HEALTHY ACTION AND DEFEND THE COLORADO ROADLESS RULE, i.e. REJECT THE COAL MINING LOOPHOLE**

Please do not open this precious land to destruction and disaster!

Regarding climate change, we have an abundance of legacy carbon-emitting sites to deal with. We definitely do not need any new projects which are net carbon emitters when externalities are considered.

I am a stockholder in Arch. Coal and have been for years. they have not been a good company and please do not let them do this I would rather see them go bankrupt than see them destroy this part of the earth

This would be ALL loss and NO gain, except for one coal mining company! Do what is best for the VAST majority of Americans and stop all attempts to mine this coal.

You would trust them to do this when they have filed for bankruptcy?

Expanding Arch Coal's mine make methane pollution worse. The

I endorse the following statement and ask you to prioritize what is in the best interests of the nation and future generations ahead of short-term profits.

I am a REGISTERED VOTER!

As a graduate of the University of Colorado and staunch supporter in maintaining the natural beauty of Colorado, we need to protect the public lands from needless degradation.

Coal's day is over--leave it in the ground.

I was just out in Colorado this December (2015). Given how beautiful Colorado is, coal's diminishing value as an energy resource and the damage the mine expansion will do, I think it is much wiser to preserve the land and the atmosphere by denying the mine expansion.

Please protect our climate and this beautiful road-less forest by rejecting the coal mining loophole to the Colorado Road-less Rule.  
You've got to be kidding. How dare this coal mine even be considered!

The irresponsible financial practices of Arch Coal should never be allowed to destroy further public forest land and if this entity is allowed to do this, then something is terribly wrong in our government.

using oil and fossil fuels is killing our planet = letting the second biggest coal company in the country bulldoze through thousands of acres of forest in Colorado so they can mine millions of tons of coal is only helping to destroy the planet more...please help stop this!  
Arch Coal has had its day, and so has coal itself as a fuel source going forward. We simply can't afford coal's deleterious effect on climate.

No more proliferation of obsolete, filthy 19th century tech.

Please listen to US, THE PEOPLE.  
Roadless Rule.

Expanding bankruptcy-filed Arch Coal's mine would environment. electricity--equivalent to approximately 150,000 homes with solar panels producing energy for 20 years-- methane--which is --directly into our atmosphere every day. Expanding the mine and building new methane well pads would only .

Coal pollutes and is quickly used up. It destroys the land, and the forests, which will not be replaced!

It's time for that loophole to go.  
I worked on the Roadless Area Rule in the '70s for good reason: we need wilderness areas. Coal is in decline and will be used less and less. There is no good reason to give bankrupt Arch Coal access to roadless areas. We need clean energy, not a reason to destroy mountains and send coal overseas at our expense. We don't need more coal, we don't need more methane leaks and we don't need to give a bankrupt company, planning to sell out to an overseas multinational, access to our roadless areas. This plan flies in the face of the Clean Power Plan and ignores the need for clean energy. In addition it harms wildlife. And for what? A corporation out of step with the world?  
Let's take care of the state and do our part to help the world. Please get rid of the Thanks for your consideration.

Keep the coal in the ground where it belongs.

How is it possible that this is being considered? It is outrageous and makes no sense.

I absolutely It is irresponsible.

In fact, your own (i.e., the Forest Service) analysis found that this carbon

Uncle Sam needs you to relieve our governance and our economy from the insupportable burden of corruption, exemplified in this egregious give-away to over-the-hill billionaires who are destroying the ecological birthright of American children.

Even considering letting anyone mine dirty coal on publicly owned land is an outrage. This coal should never see the light of day to pollute the air American people breathe, worsen global climate change, and damage the economy all in one stupid move. Of course, that does not even consider the environmental damage from the mining itself. Frankly, I have to wonder what in the hell is wrong with the Forest Service.

They can't run a business, much less properly take care of our public lands. Let them die.  
As a person born in Colorado, who visits frequently,

Once it's gone, it never comes back. We have other energy sources. It's just not worth the opportunity cost.

Arch need to be buried in their last pit.

This kind of plan is anti-progress, anti-future, and bafflingly hypocritical. Is the Forest Service working in the interest of the People and for the protection of our future or in giving in to corporate pressure to satisfy myopic demand? This plan is unjustifiable.

This land belongs to the citizens, not coal cos. When we VOTE to mine coal, we'll talk.

What a senseless idea.

Arch Coal does not deserve any more land. We cannot trust a bankrupt company willing to do anything.

We need to leave coal in the ground and use clean energy instead! This can be done. Those of us who have asthma would like to breath clean air. No more coal!

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Just do the RIGHT thing and STOP this nonsense---NOW!!!

Multiple use does not mean allowing a corporation to ravage public lands for their own profit. The US Forest Service is entrusted to care for the lands under their mandate to manage them for the American people, not corporate interests.

I spend a lot of time in our forests and want them to remain as roadless as possible. We do not need coal any longer, so it makes no sense to try to mine it in Colorado.

The actions Arch Coal proposes are simply environmentally wrong - even if run by "sinless" hyper competent people.

Arch Coal is no such group. (In fact, there is no such group of people in the world!) Arch is virtually bankrupt BECAUSE they have neither the knowledge, the skill, or the people to make a moderately decent show of mining that or any other coal. Keep these people away from the roadless forests in Colorado - and anywhere else in this country. We as a nation will gain only problems and disaster from their acts. And by all the evidence, their stockholders (4th in line of importance here) won't do well either.

Politician Corporate Shills must be imprisoned!

Damage to roadless areas are forever, there are no mitigations effective to offset these mining activities. We are only now beginning to understand ecology and even identify the organisms and their interaction.

No means no.

I feel very strongly about this issue. My mother worked many years for the Forest Service and she was very proud of the balanced positions taken during her lifetime by the Forest Service. Recreation, preservation for future generations, and current production of needed resources were all balanced together as goals. Promoting extraction of a fossil fuel while destroying pristine forest and promoting climate change does NOT meet her criteria; please don't do it!

We MUST keep climate-changing fossil fuels in the ground!

Be stewards of the forest for the generations of the future and protect the wild habitat and watersheds of the forest.

This plan is out of step with the goal of cutting U.S. carbon emissions by 26 to 40 percent in the same period.

Even the most casual observers know that coal mining is an industry without a future. Don't be reckless by allowing this irrelevant dying industry to permanently destroy irreplaceable resources that it never will have enough financial resources to restore.

Once they destroy it we can't fix it. That is robbing future generations of all species their heritage.

Please protect our forest and our climate by To do otherwise makes no sense at all, unless short-term profit is the only goal--and it's a foolish goal, since that profit would accrue only to the few, while the rest of us pay the true costs for generations.

I am writing to oppose Arch Coal's access to Forest Service roadless lands.

The Forest Service is charged with protecting our nation's forests so that they can be used today and by future generations. Carbon pollution from burning coal and other fossil fuels will cause climate change that will have permanent impacts on our forests.

The president has charted a clear course for our nation away from fossil fuels. There is no reason to grant an exception to Colorado's roadless rule.

Protect our climate! Reject this proposal by Arch coal that has plenty of risks and few rewards for our Nation in the long term.

Coal mining should be phased out, not increased.

I understand that Didn't your own analysis find that the associated carbon environment? The

We MUST keep climate-changing fossil fuels in the ground!

The last thing we need is more coal mining and burning. Facilitating coal mining is a terrible idea and if done will increase greenhouse gases and increase harmful pollutants in our air.

WHY DON'T YOU DO SOMETHING RIGHT FOR A CHANGE??? TRY GIVING A DAMN!!!!

This is another big problem. This is dangerous. This is not very smart. This will do more harm than good. This is unsafe and unhealthy. This is no joke. This is very real. This is reality. How much more reality does it need to get? This has been a big issue for sometime now and this will not go away anytime soon. We don't want this. This is not the way to treat our parks. It will destroy everything including wild life, the waters and most of all the trees. Leave our national parks alone. Leave the wild life alone. Leave the waters alone. Leave the trees alone. These national parks need to be preserved. What this is doing is destroying things that matter to us. These national parks do not belong to you people at all. These national parks are for us to enjoy and by destroying these national parks are not a good idea. Why destroy something that is good? Why destroy anything at all? It does not make any sense to do that. This is senseless. This is all about greed. This is ruthless and heartless. You people have no idea the damage that this will cause. Leave things well enough alone. We don't need anymore problems. This is very serious. Think real hard about this. Don't let this happen. Keep our national parks safe. People enjoy going to these parks to see the views and the wild life. This is what makes our national parks special. It is nature that people want to see. People don't want to see this. Do the right thing and keep the national parks safe. Look at the damage it will cause. There will be a bigger problem with wild life. Where do you think the animals will go? They will have no place to go and that will not be good. It would be your fault for letting this happen. No one is to blame but you people. Coal is OLD technology. We don't want or need it in 2016!

we are nothing if we don't protect our land from greedy gougers.. We need to switch to clean energy NOW.

In a time when the US has closed 200 coal plants and even China is moving away from coal due to terrible air pollution, yet another coal mine is the last thing we need. Colorado is my favorite vacation spot. Allowing the permanent destruction of the state's most valuable assets -- roadless forest lands, along with the water, wildlife, and recreation they protect just to dig up coal that would immediately be burned is extremely short sighted and unwise.

This near permanent destruction of habitat just for coal that will be burned and be gone (except as CO2, mercury pollution, etc. which will plague us for centuries) makes no sense.

PROTECT FOREST, NOT COAL

Our country does not need and can not abide nor afford such irreparable damage and degradation to this beautiful land and important wildlife habitat.

If you have the power to stop this, then you should. It is the right thing to do. At a time when we are trying to find alternatives to fossil fuels it does not make sense to pull more of it out of the ground.

Forests provide many essential ecosystem services. Companies that mine coal destroy that benefit and do not compensate us for these external costs of their business.

They also don't do anything to help with the increasing problem of excessive emissions that happen when the coal they extract is burned.

I am a professional conservation biologist and, of course,

I do not understand why the Forest Service would even consider allowing anyone to destroy publicly owned roadless forest anywhere. Coal companies and other corporations are only a small part of the public plus this is suppose to be held in trust for our children and grandchildren and great-grandchildren and on into the future. This is your children's future. If you think that your families will somehow be magically protected from the disastrous affects of this project, you are living in la la land. I know Congress in all its ignorance and greed has slashed your budgets but this is not the way to increase your income.

Please do everything possible to keep coal IN THE GROUND. It's insane to continue mining coal.

Thank you!!!!

As a er Colorado resident with many family still in the state,

Why are you even thinking of allowing a Bankrupt Arch Coal to expand its mine to release up to 486 million tons of carbon pollution? This is ludicrous!

Our wild places are precious and irreplaceable. Meanwhile, coal is a dead-end fuel - we as a species cannot burn the fossil fuels we've already extracted if we want to survive, so it makes no sense to extract even more! Allowing roadless forest to be destroyed for the sake of fossil fuel extraction would be a travesty and a tragedy. Reject the Arch Coal Loophole, and protect our taxpayer-owned roadless forest.

This plan is dangerously out of step with the crucial goal of cutting U.S. carbon emissions by 26 percent in ten years and the goal of reducing emissions from federal agencies

This loophole would also set the stage for up to 72 miles of bulldozed road on 30 square miles

Arch Coal should not be allowed to bulldoze through publicly-owned roadless forests in Colorado for their own profits at the expense of public health, wildlife, and the environment.

**DON'T YOU DARE LET ARCH OR ANY FILTHY COAL COMPANY DESTROY OUR LANDS! THEY BELONG TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE & WILDLIFE! COAL IS DISGUSTING AND SHOULD BE BANNED!**

This is a bad, bad, idea, and should not be allowed.

When the second-biggest coal company in the country files for bankruptcy, does it make sense to let it bulldoze through 19,000 acres of taxpayer-owned forest in Colorado so it can access more than 170 million tons of coal? I don't think so. We shouldn't trust it with the state's most valuable assets -- roadless forest lands, along with the water, wildlife, and recreation they protect. Arch Coal's plan would cause damage to the economy and environment to the tune of \$13 billion and keep clean energy off the market.

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This plan is similar to people who lose their homes to foreclosure and leave it trashed and wasted as they leave. That is what this coal producer will produce. It's unacceptable

Coal is done! Exactly the financial misrepresentations being targeted by government investigations in New York. These will soon have more fall out and company contractions, if not bankruptcies, which the prosecutors will try to avoid, but as the true value of these companies operations affect their stock valuations they are likely to implode.

You will not have reclamation partners to finish restoring partially worked tracts when these entities fold suddenly. Avoid this altogether!

Also consider, though it might take 30 years, when you look back and know you were personally responsible for initiating a global extinction, those will be bitter tears. :(

Let fossil fuels remain fossils.

Roadless Rule. environment. EXPANDING THE MINE AND BUILDING NEW METHANE WELL PADS WOULD ONLY of roadless forest, degrading habitat for treasure wildlife.

Lets' face it. Coal is a by-product of an era that existed thousands of years ago. Why should we resurrect a product of a bygone era that is buried for a reason, and re-introduce it to our society. Coal is one of the greatest polluters of our environment. Leave it buried as nature intended it.

provide access to 170 million tons of coal releasing up to 486 million tons of carbon into the air plus all the toxic byproducts. even more in destruction to our environment.

"We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children.?"  
~ Native American Proverb

This is crazy and stupid. Once destroyed, these lands are ruined forever!, Don't be STUPID!

A bankruptcy erases debt. Why allow Arch Coal to outright destroy public assets?  
Please, no mining coal on our public lands!

Please protect our climate and this beautiful, necessary, irreplaceable roadless forest by

If corporations are permitted to continue bulldozing publicly-owned forests and land, the U.S. Forest Service

will cease to exist and you will be out of a job.

I don't mind giving a few bucks to folks asking for help, but these public lands are our heritage. I think they are too precious to let bankrupt Arch Coal ravage them.

Maybe you think this will benefit America's economy. Taking a ballpark figure of \$40 per ton for coal, Arch Coal's 172 million tons of coal grosses \$7 billion, most of which is skimmed out of the economy and into corporate and personal coffers. So maybe \$1 billion of economic benefit versus at least \$13 billion of damages.

According to [http://www.pbs.org/americarebuilds/engineering/engineering\\_qfacts.html](http://www.pbs.org/americarebuilds/engineering/engineering_qfacts.html), terrorists destroyed \$1,000,000,000 of buildings and left \$650,000,000 of clean up for a total of \$1.65 billion. The terrorists are pansies compared to the corporations.

Please reject the coal mining loophole to the Colorado Roadless Rule.

I urge you to protect our climate and this beautiful roadless forest by  
BEING BOTH INTELLIGENT AND SANE,

Mother Earth is calling you and I am calling every student I have taught over the last 30 years and reaching out to my connection with People magazine regarding this situation. This is madness if you allow this coal company to massacre OUR EARTH! Enough already. PROTECT OUR FORESTS!

Pilamaya,

Diana Giaccardo

Oh NO!!! Don't let Arch Coal ruin any more US land. I vehemently I do, however, support the use of alternative green energy on public lands.

Enough is enough - no more coal!

Expansion of RENEWABLE energy is the only thing I would approve of.  
No.no.no.no.no!

PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT. DO NOT DESTROY IT. THINK OF YOUR GRANDCHILDREN WHO WILL HAVE TO DEAL WITH THE EFFECTS OF THIS LOOPHOLE IF WE DO NOT DO THE RIGHT THING NOW.

Thank you for your positive actions on behalf of the Colorado Roadless Rule. Save our beautiful roadless forest - reject the coal mining loophole!

There ought to be near universal opposition to the Forest Service's proposal to reopen the It goes against everything now being done to correct past excesses.

What on earth!

As well as destroying forever pristine forest!

My understanding of your agency certainly needs to be revised. My concept was that you were to protect our environment not help corporations with big money destroy it. Please do not allow this to happen. This company needs to be seeking other means for fuel, not destroying what takes hundreds and thousands of year to restore.

Of all the groups who have the responsibility for protecting our natural resources, why is the Forest Service ignoring this responsibility with the expansion of Arch Coal's mine? Did someone pay someone off?

STAND WITH THE PRESIDENT ON SAVING THIS PLANET, NOT DEEPENING POCKETS OF EARTH RAPISTS!!!ENOUGH!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

IF MEMBERS OF THE FOREST SERVICE DO NOT INTEND TO PROTECT OUR FORESTS THEY SHOULD IMMEDIATELY RESIGN!

It's NOT ok to allow this mining that will destroy trees and wildlife habitat, and cause water and ground pollution to the surrounding area.

I GREATLY

This PLAN IS DANGEROUSLY OUT OF STEP with the critical GOAL OF CUTTING U.S. CARBON EMISSIONS by 26

Add my name to the list of the outraged citizens who oppose the unnecessary rape of our too few remaining natural areas.

STOP ! Just stop ! Allowing the destruction of OUR LAND for the mining of toxic coal for the profits of a few men.

Add my name to oppose the rape of our too few remaining wilderness areas.

The result would be environmental disaster. Cleaner energy alternatives exist. The mining company can earn just as much profit and provide more jobs that are less dangerous by investing their money in energy alternatives.

Loopholes rarely benefit anything or anybody but for those who chose to exploit them. This plan is in direct opposition to the climate talks in Paris. It flies in the face of logic.

This loophole would degrade habitat for black bear, elk, goshawk, lynx, and cutthroat trout.

Are you all out of your cotton-picking minds?

As a person with children and a teacher with young students, who will have to live with the consequences of your policies,

What the hell is wrong with you folks ? It is eminently clear that treating public lands in this manner is adamantly rejected by the majority of Coloradans. We no longer want to see our lands permanently denuded for the short term profit of an ephemeral company. Not only will this horrific project destroy land, animal habitat and water resources, it will release millions of tons of carbon into the atmosphere. Are you not paying attention, or has the reality of climate change somehow missed you ?

Approving this project is pure idiocy and an egregious example of the way in which corporate America has its way with resources that belong to others. Enough. Stop. No.

Do the right thing. Do it now. Say no, permanently to this [roject and to not further attempts to circumvent Colorado's Roadless Rule.

Expanding Arch Coal's mine is dangerously out of step with the critical goal of cutting U.S. carbon emissions by 26

Preventing additional release of methane and preventing the mining of publicly owned coal is far more important than enhancing corporate profits for any single company.

Me First: You guys don't get it - coal is going - so much Nat Gas that it can't compete not to mention that people are now realizing the real risk of burning it. Are you completely tone deaf?

I believe you all are losing your minds because no one in a sane state of mind would allow new coal pollution to begin again. What are you thinking??

The U.S. Forest service needs to do its job and protect wildlife and the environment. Of course, we all know that money talks, and it would be interesting to see if there is a money trail from Arch Coal to public officials!

It also violates the letter and spirit of the recently concluded international agreement on climate change.

Moreover, this loophole of road-less forest, It would cause irreparable disruption of some of the state's most beautiful areas for hiking, backpacking, hunting and other recreational activities.

I urge you to please protect our climate and this beautiful road-less forest by rejecting the coal mining loophole to the Colorado Road-less Rule.

I am a stock holder in Arch Coal and I will write to them as well to protest this projecat

You already know what this email says, below--but I want to add my own tequest that you not take advantage of a loophole to aid a company whose jobs could be better sustained with sustainable use of our resources. I can't protect us, but you can!

Your job is to protect our forests, not destroy them!

NO, NO, NO. Leave it in the ground!

Cutting down trees that take in carbon dioxide and give out oxygen is a far cry from digging up coal that gives out carbon dioxide and pollutes the air,water,and kills the earth.THINK WHICH WOULD YOU RATHER HAVE IN YOUR BACKYARD?

The US Forest Service must work in the service of the American people by protecting our forests, and rejecting the Arch Coal Loophole. 172 million tons of taxpayer-owned coal needs to remain in the ground where it belongs!

Reject the coal mining loophole to the Colorado Roadless Rule.

While recognizing that a transition period will be needed as the U.S. (and hopefully the world) transitions to sustainable, clean energy, I strongly affirm the policy of working hard to keep carbon-based fuels in the ground

to the maximum extent possible. I especially object to allowing or expanding coal mining in areas of high environmental value.

Too often, moneyed corporate entities are able to further their interests and profits by lobbying politicians and increasing that influence through large campaign contributions. Pressure can only be brought to bear in various ways on executive branch agencies.

Given the recent Paris commitments to reduce the human carbon footprint worldwide, the U.S. government is particularly responsible for doing all it can to further those goals in the interests of moderating climate change. The cost of not acting responsibly is now and will be huge!

I therefore oppose the U.S. Forest Service proposal to reopen the environment.

As a Colorado tax payer and American tax payer Coal is toxic and no longer needed for today's energy. To protect my health and well being as an avid hiker in roadless areas, I urge you to do your job for the tax payers, not wealthy industry.

We must get away from coal & focus on cleaner energy sources. At this time please do not destroy a beautiful area for polluting profit wanted by coal & oil. We are absolutely destroying our land & contaminating our air, soil, water &, therefore, our health by continuing to expand coal mines. Please use your intelligence, knowledge & long term vision to protect us from such destructive polluting expansions by coal companies whose focus is profit despite polluting our country when alternative energy sources are developing.

Please care for our environment and for us!!!!!!!!!!!!

Keep taxpayer-owned coal in the ground where it belongs!

Please! Protect our climate and this beautiful roadless forest by

Are they so out of touch with climate concerns that they would dare to consider doing this?

Not only would this decision be foolish with regards to climate change efforts, you would also destroy thousands of acres of beautiful forests, which you are charged to protect!! Who do you work for? Mining interests, or the forests, the public, the earth? What? Aren't you guys supposed to keep the carbon in the ground via allowing the forests to sequester it?

We need the trees.

And may karma swiftly slap the stupid out of you.

Live up to your name and be of service to the forests and all of us that live and breathe in and around the forests.  
WRONG!

The whole world has come together to say that we must end our use of fossil fuels, and yet you would actually consider this as a wise use of our National Forest lands?

Leave the coal in the ground. It is filthy burning and causes many health hazards. Make our environment cleaner.

We need to be cutting U.S. carbon emissions.

They've been saying for a long time that the huge swaths of clear cut land that lead to these pads aren't roads. We're just not buying into it.

Another worthless bureaucracy!

What does it take for you to understand that global warming from human activity is a very real crisis for our planet. The time for this kind of selfishness is over. Do not approve this disastrous plan.

I DID NOT KNOW THE CORPORATIONS OWN THE FOREST SERVICE TOO.  
WTF!!!!!!

As a third-generation Coloradan, I know the value of Colorado's pristine forests to state and national tourism, natural habitat, and clean air.

STOP THE GLUTTONY!!

Add to that the cloud of coal dust that cause respiratory illness. For-Profit Corporations also have a lousy record of paying the lease fees on public land from which they extract minerals. They get richer on the public dime, and leave the taxpayer with the cleanup costs, which are myriad. Even if it weren't for the climate change and carbon pollution, I'd be against this because of the damage to our most beautiful places. They are our legacy.

Man should be a protector not a destroyer!

I don't want my tax dollars supporting this.

I do not understand why you have this job if your first concern is not preserving these gifts to us from the Creator.

The ship has sailed on coal, enough please.

I used to work for the USDA - you must be forgetting your place, the Forest Service does not make these decisions. The President does. We need to commit to renewables of energy like sun, wind and water power, not pull the last fossil fuels from the ground, This has to stop!

Please don't go along with this horrible idea of destroying 30 square miles of forest.

Please make the only right choice and reject the disastrous coal mining loophole to the Colorado Roadless Rule.

No more coal mines!!!

I worked for the State of Illinois reclaiming abandoned coal mines. I know the devastation left behind and reclaiming the land does NOT make it good again.

Keep coal in the ground!

What is the rationale behind this proposal other than giving a huge sop to a coal company?

Serve the forest, not the fossil fuel corporations.

So we can either cut down trees that help clean the air and then dig up a major source for polluting that same air, or we can leave things as they are. Maintain the status quo and leave a working eco-system alone. We already have more coal pollution than we need already. It's time to start saving our planet. This coal is not needed and must be left in the ground for the greater good. All the evidence in support of this opinion is now well documented and cannot be refuted. The land must not be decimated for the profits of a corporation.

We really do not need to dig more coal out of the ground.

The planet needs our coal to stay underground, especially coal under forest service lands which can be controlled in the public interest. Our forests need your protection. We went through burning Washington last summer -- the balance must shift to protecting forest trees for best use and carbon capture.

Our nation must move in the direction of a renewable energy future. Leave the fossil fuels in the ground.

This proposal is completely out of step with the critical goal of cutting U.S. carbon emissions by 26

Strive for 1.5. This moves us away from our goals.

It also flies in the face of recent international decisions reached in Paris.

JUST BECAUSE IT IS THERE DOESNT MEAN YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO DIG IT UP. GET WITH THE PROGRAM AND KEEP THESE FOSSIL FUELS IN THE GROUND FOREVER. ITS REALITY THAT CLIMATE IS CHANGING FROM ALL THE FOUL THINGS THAT GET PUT INTO OUR ATMOSPHERE.

REJECT,

Coal is the dirtiest of fossil fuels and methane is the worst of polluting gases. I am opposed to allowing a company to use my coal to pollute the atmosphere.

Personal note: It isn't just about protecting our climate, it's about furthering our own self destruction in the long run.

THE NERVE, THE VICIOUS BACKSTABING OF OUR COUNTRY BY THE FHS IS A CRIME.

For goodness sakes, who the heck needs coal anyway? This is so outdated, it's not even funny.

We MUST keep climate-changing fossil fuels in the ground!

You're not doing your job. You're not fulfilling the purpose of your agency.

All fossil fuel ventures are hereby terminated. Any attempts to re-establish old technology is considered a

criminal attempt to prevent the human species from advancing technologically. We don't want your old junk tech anymore, take your fossil fuels to the grave with you, sour old fools.

Your Proposal has been Denied.

Aren't you supposed to PROTECT the forest for future generations for Americans. I'm certain that future generations will need to breathe

Fossil-fuel companies need to widen their horizons into other ways of making money and learn from the native Americans about honoring the earth.

What the heck are you people thinking?

Please! Why mine more?

We should be paying forward on the COP21 agreement now, Let's get smart and get ahead on carbon pollution at every chance.

With the new climate agreement signed in Paris yesterday, the added carbon pollution this project will nearly equal the annual reduction we are proposing for many countries. I unequivocally coal mining loophole in the Colorado Roadless Rule.

My daughters and I thank you for considering our viewpoint.

I thought your agency was charged with protecting (as well as sustainably harvesting) the timber environment). Well by opening the Colorado Roadless Rule to coal mining, you are admitting dereliction of duty. Who do you think you are? DO YOUR JOB! I consider opening up this region to the dirtiest mining endeavor in history makes you traitors!

It is impossible to prevent or even to mitigate massive disturbances brought on from coal mining - sacrifice zones. There is increased sediment, mine acid, and minerals like sulfur and iron or worse, like mercury, from coal mining, production, and combustion that contaminates our water. This alone should be enough to deny a coal extraction permit on public land.

People do not want to damage earth's climate system and biosphere and have to pay for it. Forested land left alone sequesters carbon and that one fact is all that is needed, both to justify denial of a coal permit and to justify leaving the land forested. Instead of scraping the earth and leaving dirt and destruction, leaving the forest intact and managing the forest will in fact be of much greater value to the people, who are entitled to have a say in what happens on public land. Federal and state public lands are more important than ever. They carry out priceless ecosystem services that we as a society must preserve. Ecosystem services are a constant throughout time, never getting a break, unless the ecosystem is broken.

Mining of any kind must be considered with the greatest care. The number of sacrifice zones on earth's surface is growing and some sacrifice zones will be such for a very long time, such as Chernobyl and Fukushima or some non-descript mountain in Appalachia with its top blown off and the overburden pushed into the hollows and ravines to destroy some more last-remaining pristine habitats.

The legacy of mining across earth is a liability to all life on earth. It diminishes life when we endlessly exploit earth's resources without contemplating far-reaching consequences of mining coal and coal-bed methane (much of which escapes from the coal after the coal seams are exposed.) And today society wishes to supersede coal with clean renewable energy technologies. Why should the people sacrifice valuable ecosystem services to an obsolete material that in the intermediate- to long-term will prove to be just a liability?

We must adopt renewable energy technologies, which means some mining but not mining on the scale of coal mining, which leaves too large a scar on the earth. I don't want my public land scarred like that. That magnitude of damage or removal of living biomaterials is no longer intelligent. It is contrary to intelligence to remove living communities and then extract climate system-impairing materials that also cause toxic pollution from small and large particulate matter, oxides of sulfur and nitrogen, and metals contamination.

No, do not permit yet another coal mine, sacrifice zone on public land within the United States. Modernistic approach to managing our last remaining natural areas, to focus upon natural resource management for healthy, thriving ecosystems, is essential.

Our efforts should be on renewable energy not coal. especially at the cost of Colorado wilderness.

YOU are supposed to SAVE the forest, not DESTROY it!

We need to keep coal (and other carbon fuels) IN the GROUND and development OFF our OPEN SPACES.

None of this is acceptable. Further, these lands belong to the citizens of this country, not the government nor big business and especially the dirty, environment destroying coal.

This proposal is not in the best interest of the citizens of the United States. Natural resources as found here can never be replaced.

I fully oppose the recent Forest Service proposal to reopen the This short sighted action that only benefits very few but destroys much must not occur!

Expanding the mine and building new methane well pads will only exacerbate the damage at the time we can least afford it.

This loophole will also set the stage for bulldozing up to 72 miles of road on 30 square miles of what is supposed to be ROADLESS forest,

You need to do your job instead of the coal industry's job. You are required to protect our climate and this (until now) beautiful, (until now) roadless forest by REJECTING the You're supposed to be the Forest Service; try serving the forests' interests instead of serving them to the fossil fuel industry.

Listen to President and do not undermine him. Do not mine coal on public lands.

Please, please listen to good science and protect our publicly owned forest lands from a very destruction dirty, unnecessary 'development' of an energy source not needed.

Keep the coal under public lands where it is in Colorado. Destroying wilderness and at the same time taking millions of tons of carbon out of the ground so it can be released into the atmosphere is WRONG on every level.

It is time to put the health of children and their environment before the profits of the fossil-fuel industry!

Coal kills! Coal puts toxic pollutants into the air our children breathe. Coal causes climate change and global warming. Coal workers would be healthier if they found other jobs!

Please stop the Forest Service proposal to reopen the

release up to 486 million tons of carbon pollution which your own analysis found could cause up to \$13 billion in damage to our economy and environment. The existing mine releases atmosphere every single day, and expanding the mine would only make it worse.

This proposed loophole would allow up to 72 miles of road to be bulldozed on 30 square miles of roadless forest, which ignores the whole intended purpose of the roadless rule.

Have you no collective conscience? What the hell are you thinking --- \$.

Arch Coal is a polluting behemoth that is in dire straits economically. The FS must look forward not backward. We love our public roadies forests. We have too little of them left to help protect us against climate change. The FS must do its part and deny permits that harm our precious environment.

Does "forest service" mean forest destruction? I hope you realize that further use of coal will only add to the destruction of our environment. Come into the 21st century!!!!!!

Please don't continue past ridiculous policies.

Hey Forest Service--don't let this happen. The world just passed a global warming initiative so don't screw it up. Screw the coal companies. We can do without it, especially if it destroys our forests. YOU ARE THE FOREST SERVICE not the forest destroyer.

It's shameful.

-----Please defeat this corrupt idea. The research has been done, the facts are clear, this is a horrendous threat to our nation and our planet.

Because we need to keep it in the ground Our forests generate our oxygen and protect the earth they grow in. We must stop clearing our lands and we must not add more coal that will add tons more of carbon pollution. Get with the program and reject this coal mining loophole now!!

Save trees and habitat!

We don't need this. We don't want this. Why are Coal and Oil companies getting access to public lands? What do we, the American people get out of it except devastation to these lands and pollution? No! These roadless forests must be protected. There is no justification for their destruction.

We MUST keep climate-changing fossil fuels in the ground!

My personal note: This is ludicrously irresponsible! You'd think that, as gorgeous as Colorado is, the state would capitalize on its natural beauty by preserving its resources for tourists to enjoy, and make money that way. Instead, these fools are destroying their own state, ravaging forests that can't be replaced, exterminating the wildlife that live there, and on top of it, sending our teetering climate over the edge. How selfish and stupid!

The Forest Service mission is not to promote coal mines in forests -- that should be obvious.

My school group has worked with the NFS in the past, and I'm very shocked to hear that this is even being considered. I adamantly

It is so-o-o wrong-headed and ignorant to allow more coal mining and on our Public Lands and in our

Forests. We, the People, OWN this property; it is the best of America. Please do NOT contribute to more destruction of our American Heritage.

ROADLESS MEANS ROADLESS!

The beauty of our planet should be held in respect as well as reverence and awe! As the caretakers of this precious jewel called Earth, it is our duty to become more harmonious with our environment; for what we hold in our hands is a trust for future generations.

What we do today, creates tomorrow.

Do NOT reopen the coal mining in the Colorado Roadless Rule.

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This plan would also see many miles of road being bulldozed and 30 square miles of roadless forest being degrading.

Protect the climate and retain this beautiful roadless forest by

Stop this insane and evil proposal. Screw big business and profits for the few at the expense of all citizens of the country, and the world.

I vehemently

environment. WHO IS GOING TO PAY FOR THESE ADD ON COSTS? THE FOREST SERVICE?

methane every day. Expanding the mine and building new methane well pads would only THIS PUTS THE LIE TO THE CLAIM THAT FRACKING IS CLEANER THAN COAL.

This plan is irresponsible in light of the fact that every year is hotter than the last. When will the corruption give way to professional management? Any climate scientist will tell you that we have to leave these dirty fuels in the ground. YOU ARE ONLY SHIFTING THE COSTS TO US, THE TAXPAYERS, so that a few greedy men can have their way.

There is no way to spin this as good for America. END THE CORRUPTION!

THE IDEA MUST BE A JOKE!

PLEASE! Think about the earth, the animals (including you) and leave the trees alone! Let the wilderness be wild!!

Your pocketbook isn't more important.

WE NEED TO START SOMEWHERE - GO GREEN, OTHER OPTIONS THAT WILL NOT RUIN EARTH ANYMORE THAN IT HAS ALREADY BEEN RUINED. PLEASE.....COAL IS THE WORST TOO FOR AIR POLLUTION AND CAUSING EARLY GLOBAL TEMPERATURE CHANGE.

Now that the global community has come to a consensus to address climate change and its devastating effects on our planet, I really must wonder why the Forest Service is entertaining a proposal counter to that historic decision. In addition to the massive amounts of carbon pollution coal is known to produce, effecting the health of anyone who breathes the air tainted with its killing particles, the loss of beauty and biodiversity, rendering a place to nothing but ugliness is not how I prefer MY public lands to be treated for nothing more than the enrichment of private pockets.

I am writing to express my strong opposition to reopening the I urge the Forest Service to disapprove the plan proposed by Arch Coal.

Opening this loophole would set the stage for bulldozing up to 72 miles of road on 30 square miles of roadless, forested public land. Doing so would allow Arch Coal to expand its mining operations by giving access to 170 million tons of new taxpayer-owned coal, thereby offering the potential to

Your own analysis found that such carbon

In addition to a great increase in carbon pollution, Arch Coal's expansion plan would degrade habitat for black bear, elk, goshawk, lynx, and cutthroat trout. That is just not acceptable.

So I beseech you to protect our climate and this beautiful roadless forest by

Thank you for considering my appeal.

Any effort to mine more coal is a rebuke of the Paris Accords which you fought so hard to pass. We need to shut down all coal mining--it's bad for the miners, bad for the land, bad for the country!!!

Allowing an expansion of Arch Coal's mine could, by your own analysis, cause up to \$13 billion in environment. Expanding the mine and building new methane well pads would exacerbate climate change.

It's destructive and unnecessary. There is plenty of coal available from existing mines, especially now that demand is dropping. With lower demand, percentage-based royalties would be ridiculously low.

Additionally, coal reserves should be preserved for future generations. It's a waste to burn hydrocarbons, when they are much more valuable for chemical feedstock.

This is an important national security issue as we face climate change. I vehemently, painfully, and strongly

PLEASE save our Mother! What about my son, my grandson, and ALL of the future?! This is so very important! There are lots of us paying close attention to this. The Forest Service, of all people, ought to be protecting our forests, not despoiling them!

UNDER WHAT AUTHORITY DO YOU THINK YOU CAN ALLOW THIS TO HAPPEN? IT IS TOTALLY CONTRARY TO OUR PRESIDENT'S DIRECTIVES, AND YOU SERVE AT THE 'PLEASURE' OF THE PRESIDENT !!!!!

Not to put too fine a point on it, but do your job: PROTECT our forests!

Keep the trees in the ground and the coal even deeper in the ground. Coal is the dirtiest fossil and should be left in the ground. We need to end out development of new fossil fuel extraction and convert all our resources to developing clean green energy technologies. END the coal mining, especially on public lands, NOW.

Laws were not meant to have loopholes that favor one company!

Opening the loophole to allow Arch Coal mine to work its destruction on the environment -- in the process of mining coal -- and then on selling the mined coal to be burned -- is a disaster!

Please do not allow them access!

Even our armed forces had agreed we need to get rid of coal! China is cutting back!

WE can do this, too!  
Roadless Rule.

What we need are renewable energy sources and more nature. These plans fly in the face of this. Please don't pursue this project.

I'M A 73 YEAR OLD STANFORD GRADUATE, AND RECOVERED BUSINESSMAN. I GREW UP IN OREGON AND FONDLY REMEMBER AS A BOY SCOUT CAMPING IN PRISTINE, VIRGIN OLD GROWTH FORESTS AMONG 6 - 9 FOOT DIAMETER, 600 - 1,000 YEAR OLD DOUGLAS FIR, SLEEPING ON MOSS SIX INCHES DEEP AMIDST FERNS SIX FEET TALL, NEXT TO CRYSTAL CLEAR STREAMS.

AND NOW THEY, AND THE BEAUTIFUL ENVIRONMENT AROUND THEM, ARE GONE--CUT DOWN IN THE VERY SHORT TERM INTEREST OF JOBS.

AND NOW THE JOBS ARE GONE TOO!

MY CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN AND HUNDREDS OF GENERATIONS BEYOND WILL NEVER EXPERIENCE THIS. A 40 YEAR OLD "RENEWABLE RESOURCE" FOREST IS NOTHING AT ALL LIKE AN OLD GROWTH FOREST.

FROM MY PERSPECTIVE THE SHORT TERM THINKING THAT CAUSED THIS IS PRETTY STUPID, AS WELL AS FEAR BASED, SELFISH AND GREEDY.

We have great alternative to coal right now. We'll need the forests forever.

WHY ARE OUR AGENCIES NOT SERVING THE PUBLIC WILL??

Reject the Arch Coal Loophole and keep our coal in the ground where it belongs!

Once these lands are destroyed they are gone forever!

Opening this area up with roads will lead to more poaching, litter, uncontrolled ORV use and wildfire danger in addition to pollution from the coal that is mined.

This is an absolutely horrendous decision. After the recent Paris accords on reducing carbon emissions, this goes in the wrong direction on two counts: 1) It reduces CO2 absorbing forest land coverage; 2) It increases the amount of coal available to be burned to produce more CO2. It is also a terrible decision from an aesthetic standpoint and a wildlife conservation standpoint because the beauty of the landscape is ruined and the habitat for wildlife is removed.

We don't need more destructive, polluting and toxic coal ruining our environment, our air, our water and our planet. It's enough already.

Please go to [H4gas.com](http://H4gas.com) to see the new "green energy" that will replace fossil fuels!

I call on the Forest Service to carry out its job of protecting our public lands, wildlife, our climate and this beautiful roadless forest by "rejecting" the coal mining loophole to the Colorado Roadless Rule.

THE LAND DOES NOT BELONG TO US-WE BELONG TO THE LAND!=  
This makes no sense when we have just concluded a treaty with other countries to reduce carbon emissions!

No one but Arch Coal benefits from this, and everyone else suffers. Since when was the Forest Service a

pawn for the coal industry? Get rid of the coal mining loophole!

A special loophole for Arch Coal? This is ridiculous. Come on people. You have to know better than this. I don't have to tell you the facts. You know them. Communicate with your consciences. Allow yourselves to sleep at night.

NO Coal Mines!

KEEP FILTHY COAL IN THE GROUND. WE SHOULD BE ELIMINATING COAL FIRED PLANTS, RATHER THAN ENCOURAGING THEIR CONTINUATION BY ALLOWING MORE MINING.

Please do your job! Protect our climate and this beautiful roadless forest by  
I MOST STRONGLY

PROTECT our forests; DON'T bulldoze them!

I was very familiar with the US Forest Service while married to a an employee of said agency for 12 years. I knew and understood the mission of the Forest Service. I do not comprehend how Forest Service employees are rewarded for taking this kind of action. The only thing I can comprehend is that a politician is interfering by threatening Forest Service employees with transfers, demotions or firing. If that has happened, it should be reported.

We do not need more coal mining!

I think the coal company will ask for permission to mine coal wherever coal may be. That's what a coal company does. I would like the Forest Service to protect our forests, because that is what the defenders of forests do.

I know the Forest Service is supposed to balance many competing uses for public land. If the Forest Service agrees to this mining project, I think the coal company should pay the fullest possible price for the coal, which includes the highest possible cost of climate change caused by the carbon emissions.

We are ALL INTERCONNECTED on this precious PLANET EARTH!!! EVERY life here his!!!

"If we want to prevent the worst effects of climate change before it's too late, the time to act is now. Not later. Not someday. Right here, right now." recent words from our President. what is it that you don't understand about taking action now???

This is not "Responsible Forest Management", so don't be tainted by money and politics--do the right and responsible thing.

NO NO NO to more coal mining!!!!

The Forest Service proposal to reopen the loophole in the Colorado Roadless Rule would allow the Arch Coal mine access to 170 million tons of new coal. With the potential to release up to 486 million tons of carbon pollution, the methane gas. Expanding the mine and building new methane well pads would only make the problem worse.

Being critically out of compliance with the goal of cutting U.S. carbon emissions by 26 percent in ten years, this loophole sets the stage for up to 72 miles of road being bulldozed on 30 square miles of pristine forest. It's beside the resulting carbon pollution, that this expansion would devastate and degrade habitat for black bear, elk, goshawk, lynx, and cutthroat trout at the same time and that would be a real travesty.

Protecting the environment needs to be a real concern with rules in place to make sure it remains protected. Rejecting the coal mining loophole to the Colorado Roadless Rule is a step in the right direction.

This flies in the face of the climate agreement!

STOP THE COAL !!!!!!!!

PROTECT AND ENHANCE ALL OF OUR NATURAL TREASURES !!!!!!!! DON'T SPOIL THEM IN ANY WAY !!!!

Coal is an obsolete technology. We need to de-emphasize coal and emphasize solar and wind energy.

Are you totally insane??? Sounds like the greedy GOP is behind this! I'm thinking they have overdosed on their stupid pills again. What is your lame excuse for allowing this to even be considered??

NO NO NO to more coal mining!!!!

Reject Big Energy corporate pressure and leave the coal and gas in the ground! Don't make it harder for the USA to meet its COP21 goals!

If Arch Coal wants to make more money, they should capture the methane being released from per-existing mines.

Coal is the wrong fuel for now and the future. It's filthy and non-renewable. It's a fuel for losers.

Perhaps this will give you a new perspective:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WmVLcj-XKnM>

The technology used wastes useful methane, destroys habitat and diminishes pristine wilderness irreparably. There are legal actions to be taken, precedents set, and there are backers that would spring into action to see their forests protected by taking everyone to court. Don't underestimate the crazy mountain people tucked away thoroughly Colorado. Retired lawmen, retired politicians, and even eccentric lottery winners. This will not be the end of this.

KEEP THE COAL IN THE GROUND, AND PROTECT THE RESOURCE, NOT SOME CORPORATIONS  
BOTTOM LINE. PROTECT THE CLIMATE!

LET THE COAL STAY IN THE GROUND, PLEASE.....NO BULLDOZING

LEAVE THE COAL GROUNDED!

Having grown up in NE Penna. and seeing the effects of all the coal mining and strip mining which ruined our forests and health (black lung, asthma, etc) .I am appalled and disgusted and angry that the forest service would dare to even think about letting coal be mined on public lands. We have solar power now and plan to buy more panels soon. No one in their right mind who is aware of the climate change would consider coal heat in this day and age. We want to keep our public lands and forests as they are, not destroyed because of greed and money. We hike on our public lands and enjoy being out in nature. Please keep it like it is!!

Punishment of Arch Coal is in order

The Forest Service is astonishingly out of step.. The LAST thing to do is increase the use of coal. About as much sense as reopening livery stables.

PLEASE do not allow this!! My family and

Oh, Hells no! I am vehemently opposed to the Forest Service proposal to reopen the

The mindlessness of this action should be evident to everyone who loves and respects the preciousness and irreplaceability of these vast and until now protected areas.

Anyone in the Forest Service who does not understand this should not be in the service. In fact the attempt to secure this benefit for Arch Coal raises questions about whose payroll those are on who propose this rape of our public lands.

Coal is so dirty. Not only does it ruin the land when extracting it but the use of coal is very polluting to our air.

Forest Service analysis found that carbon pollution released by the expanded mine's output could cause up to \$13 billion in environment.

**DESTROYING BEAUTIFUL, NATURAL LAND FOR FOSSIL FUELS IS JUST UNACCEPTABLE. WE NEED TO MOVE TOWARD GREEN ENERGY AND WE NEED TO SAVE THE NATURAL LAND WE STILL HAVE. WE CAN'T GET IT BACK WHEN IT'S GONE!**

The forest belongs to everyone not just the Forest Service!

I am a former resident of western Colorado, and This loophole was blocked in court last year over failure to consider climate impacts, and the proposed re-opening of the loophole flies in the face of that ruling.

Another "loophole" that undermines intent. Shameful and outrageous! Roadless Rule. The U.S. Forest Service needs to understand that now, more than ever, forests are more important than coal.

Also there needs to be a Carbon FEE on all coal taken from Federal Land. Best thing to do is leave it in the ground.

These forests belong to all of us. Please keep them for our children and grandchildren. Please do not ruin acres of virgin forest for an ill-conceived plan to add to a dying industry--and one that adds to the world's critical climate problems.

I am very concerned for America--just as we make headway Men like Buffett are desperately collaborating with Obama to tear up Alberta and what belongs to the People of America so they can keep making huge amounts of money; I don't trust the Man I elected to drop his support if these wealthy men!  
**WE THIS IS NOT IN BEST INTEREST OF OUR COUNTRY. THIS IS PUBLIC LAND OWNED BY OUR CITIZENS. TREAT IT AS SUCH.**

**THE LASTY THING WE NEED IS MORE COAL.**

This plan is **DANGEROUSLY OUT OF STEP WITH OUR GOAL OF CUTTING CARBON EMISSIONS BY 26 PERCENT IN TEN YEAR;** as well as the president's goal of reducing emissions from federal agencies

My taxes pay your salaries. At the same time I understand that you are overworked and underpaid - if you're a grunt in the field, I want you to do a much better job on this atrocity.

With the signing of the global climactic pact, this kind of situation in the Forest Service stands out even more as a dangerous dinosaur of a project, and wrong headed thinking. We cannot continue to remain a world leader when we still actively hurt the planet. End corporate help on our lands, please!

What an insane idea. Coal mining must cease to exist and soon.

The solution is obvious because our forests must be protected to maintain and actually improve the environment.

Your role as the Forest Service is to always protect all of our natural resources--get rid of this loop hole please and do the right thing-- protect our forests and lands for all times.

I look forward to your immediate attention to this dire matter. Thank you-

I am amazed and appalled that the Forest Service would even give the slightest consideration to allowing Arch to destroy our --- get that part? "Our" land for private profit. And please don't use the "create jobs" ploy. What is the loophole? Do you not have discretion?

The Colorado Roadless Rule applies to everyone---even the Forest Service! Reject the Arch Coal Loophole and keep the coal in the ground where it cannot harm the air we breathe!

THIS IS AN ABSOLUTELY OBVIOUS ACT OF CORPORATE CORRUPTION ON YOUR PART. IT GOES AGAINST EVERY CORE VALUE THIS AGENCY WAS ESTABLISHED TO UPHOLD, AND YOU SHOULD BE ASHAMED, IF NOT ARRESTED, FOR YOUR BLATANT CRONYISM, OR WORSE.

Please, RECOGNIZE YOUR IGNORANCE AND PROTECT our climate and this beautiful roadless forest by rejecting the coal mining loophole to the Colorado Roadless Rule INSTEAD OF ALLOWING ONE OF THE WORST ECOLOGICALLY RESPONSIBLE INDUSTRIES IN THE HISTORY OF THIS PLANET THE OPPORTUNITY TO DECIMATE EVEN MORE OF AMERICA'S EVER DWINDLING BEAUTIFUL NATURAL RESOURCES.

The U.S. Forest Service is supposed to protect our natural resources not destroy them and contribute to climate change.

If we are a country built on morals then we need to do what is right. I for one am against the Forest Service proposal to reopen the

No coal mining of Colorado's forests! Go with renewable energy and keep our state beautiful.

This is public land, not the private domain of the USFS. I live in a state that illustrates the destruction of mining on private land. This mining should not be allowed on public land anytime, anywhere!!! I like to visit Colorado to hike in the woods! Do not do this!

Stop the madness!

This plan is dangerously out of step with the critical goal of cutting U.S. carbon emissions by 26

Especially in light of the success and leadership shown by the US at the Paris climate talks, allowing this destructive access to these coal reserves makes no sense whatsoever.

Like any good business the Forest Service should begin negotiations at fair market value of the resources factoring in the environmental impact. Furthermore, merely ponying up the \$13 billion will not guarantee Arch Coal unfettered access but would merely be the opening round determining access and post extraction remediation in compliance with the Clean Water Act and other germane regulations. In face of post COP21 accords, Arch Coal may find that reduced world demand would suggest that they look elsewhere.

This is PUBLIC land, and therefore should NOT be awarded to a coal company, but should be preserved for the PUBLIC. What's wrong with you that you would sell out the American people this way?

I think the Forest Service better bring a speaker in on what causes global warming and they need to pay

attention to what was said at COP21 and get its head out of the sand.

Are you listening to your own President? This reminds one of the way the Curia goes along behind the Pope, undermining (pun intended!) his every effort.

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I share the concerns of the Sierra Club.

The last thing we need is for our government agencies to permit public resources and to be exploited in ways that further endanger the health of the only habitat that can sustain us. It isn't necessary and I implore the Forest Service to consider the externalities of their action BEFORE it's too late.

Keep America's natural places roadless - reject the coal mining loophole!

Stop fucking up planet earth with your bullshit corporate agendas.  
HELL NO>

PLEASE STOP THE MADNESS - NO DESTRUCTION OF OUR FORESTS FOR POLLUTING, POISONING  
COAL - NO MORE - PROTECT THE COLORADO ROADLESS RULE AND CLOSE THE COAL MINING  
LOOPHOLE!

This loophole could allow up to 72 miles of road being bulldozed on 30 square miles Roadless areas are few and precious and should never, ever be sacrificed.

Did anyone at the Forest Service notice what happened in Paris on 12/12/15?

You know better than to allow this!

President Obama just committed the United States to a low-carbon future. Before him, President Clinton made it very clear with the Roadless rule that pristine forests belong to everyone and are to be left untouched except by nature. For these reasons, I vehemently

This is exactly the opposite of what we are all trying (all of us who care more about the planet than the dollar) to accomplish; change the attitude on coal mining, and refer to clean energy for our economic and environmental future.

Roadless Rule. These lands are public (MY)lands and it is your job to PROTECT them not cater to the coal lobby.

SO DO YOUR JOB and PROTECT MY PUBLIC LANDS !!!.

This is simply outrageous after we agreed along with the entire world to cut carbon emissions to save the planet. Clearing forest to mine coal is a double if not TRIPLE edged sword into the very heart of the earth. release massive amounts of carbon pollution and even the existing mine releases atmosphere every day.

I deeply coal mining loophole in the Colorado Roadless Rule.

In various forests of this country, I have repeatedly seen trees logged that were outside the original boundaries

of what was designated. And with our escalating population, the need for oxygen-generating trees is higher than ever. What I so know to be far more valuable than some level of financial value for the major corporations it will go to.

I can't imagine that anyone who isn't living in a cave would consider opening mining for coal. KEEP THE COAL IN THE GROUND. SAVE THE FOREST, WILDLIFE, HUMANS, OUR PLANET! Read what you are proposing MEANS below.

**THINK LIFE NOT PROFIT!**

Roadless means roadless, not "roadless except for filthy coal mines." loophole in the Colorado Roadless Rule that would permit coal mining.

Your agency's own report states that Arch Coal's proposal could cause up to \$13 billion in environment. The far more dangerous to our life on this planet than carbon -- every day. Expanding the mine, which would also break into roadless forest and harm the local ecology, is completely in contradiction to President Obama's policies, public health, and good sense.

Please do the right thing.

\*\* Exactly what part of "FOREST SERVICE" Don't you understand? \*\*

Since we vacation in Colorado, this destructive plan for mining will turn folks like us away from visiting Colorado!

Why is the forest service determined to destroy the colorado environment? Is the Arch coal co paying them off? Think of the river pollution from toxic runoff.

This plan is dangerously out of step with the critical goal of h U.S. carbon emissions by 26

Besides the coal proposed to be dug out, the loss of the trees will degrade the environment considerably.

Expanding the mine and building new methane well pads would only exacerbate the damage at a time when the U.S. and the world can least afford it.

Stop putting corporate profits ahead of the health of people and the planet.

DO NOT reopen the

How is it possible that after all of the climate in ation shared in the last few weeks in Paris about the importance of preserving forests and forest soils, that an agency of our own government would propose to destroy our valuable forests in service of one of the dirtiest sources of energy and its backers? What are you thinking? Are there no scientists in the US Forest Service? Do you not represent the people, all the people, of this country?

The conflict of needs: Healthy earth vs profits....

Please leave room for animals for our children and grandchildren to see in this wilderness area.

The age of coal has passed. We will no longer stand for the air polution or the damage to our wilderness lands.

We need to stop investing in new fossil fuel infrastructure.

The climate is changing and so must your policy. 200 countries in Paris just agreed we need to do something and this is in direct opposition. We don't need more coal mined.

This is not what we should be doing with our public lands, let alone the world's climate.

I am STUNNED that we even have to petition you for this! HOW DO YOU SLEEP AT NIGHT?

Their investors should put their money into solar and wind.

You're operating under archaic policies!!!

We must stop the USFS from tearing up more ground for coal. It is time to put our investment directly in these communities that have become coal dependent, not into more coal. Please put our national investment into alternative economic solutions such as recreation and carbon silviculture. It is foolish to open more lands for coal of all fossil fuels!

In addition to the obscene environmental destruction and climate disruption described below, the land is taken from me and millions of other citizens for our use as a recreation area that is free from the effects of urbanization, agriculture, industrialization, and the impacts of your own forest clearcuts/wood production on our National Forests. The land's value as a critical refuge is also destroyed for many wildlife species that support use by consumptive and non-consumptive users alike - hunters, fisherman, hikers, birdwatchers, photographers, and those who just enjoy immersing themselves in an undisturbed community of plants and wildlife.

I don't know who is being paid off to open this land to Arch but I hope they lose their jobs or worse. This plot would only benefit the 1% and this land belongs to the 99% so it must be stopped NOW!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

The taxpayer's would like their land just the way it is, this can be seen as nothing other than a criminal act by the U.S. Forestry Service, obviously the Arch Coal Companies lobbyists when to Washington DC and spent a ton of money to buy politicians, to order the Department of the Interior, U.S. Forestry Service, and Department of Land Management to allow the destruction of our land by the Arch Coal Company.

We have legalized theft in this country, so it is now run by thieves, and thieving politicians see nothing wrong with theft. That is why taxpayer owned land is being stolen by bribed politicians every day and given to the Coal and Fossil Fuel Industries. This land will be permanently destroyed and can never be used by the public again, never mind the animals homes being destroyed, the animals that will be killed off, Eco Systems done. environments being contaminated.

The same government criminals will also give the Arch Coal Mine billions in subsidies from taxpayers money to destroy their land and then use some of the money for CEO bonuses and to fight renewable energy. This country is the empire the Mafia Dreamed of having.

I oppose. YES I DO!

ARE YOU KIDDING ME. WHEN ARE THOSE IS POWER GOING TO STOP KILLING THE PLANET.

THIS is not the time to be tearing apart our forests, let alone to dig up coal which we don't need with lots of natural gas and lower demand for oil. We need to protect all the forests we have now that the world is suffering from rising temperatures and not enough trees to consume the carbon dioxide. I

We must keep "Big Coal" off public lands and out of our National Forests!  
The Forest Service proposal to reopen the coal mining loophole in the Colorado Roadless Rule is a bad idea.

Expanding the mine and building new methane well pads would only exacerbate the damage -- at a time when we can least afford it.

Keep it in the ground!!!

Considering letting Arch coal bulldoze thousands of acres of roadless forest for the extraction of polluting, climate destroying coal is one of the worst ideas I've heard in a long, long time. It is so bad, so pathetically stupid that I don't understand how the Service could give such an idea even five seconds of time.

But I understand that it's not politically correct to call an idea "stupid," so I'll just say:

Really???? Is the very institution entrusted with protecting our national forest treasures going to give it away to be raped by a coal company?

Americans don't need 170 million tons of new coal with the potential to environment. Expanding the mine and building new methane well pads would only exacerbate carbon and methane pollution at a time when we can least afford it.

This plan is dangerously out of step with the international agreement just signed in Paris. All the countries of the world have agreed to work toward a carbon free economy, with the US in the leadership role. Opening this mine would be totally inconsistent with the critical goal of cutting U.S. carbon emissions by 26

This is a loophole, not the main intention of the law. Using it would abuse the forest and the planet, setting the stage for up to 72 miles of road being bulldozed on 30 square miles

Please protect our climate, our national role as a world leader in the fight against global warming and for decarbonization, and this beautiful roadless forest by

Absolutely and 100% oppose. Keep it in the soil!

There is NO way to justify this project!

Coal burning power plants are closing down all around our country. China is realizing that this dirtiest of all fossil fuels is, literally, a dead end and is moving rapidly to develop more clean alternative energy. Solar and wind power are now competitive with coal in the US, even if we don't calculate the cost of treating our atmosphere like a free sewer! And the Forest Service's budget is being decimated by the ever-increasing forest fires caused in large part by droughts, especially in the west.

What are you thinking?? Coal mines are NOT THE BEST USE of these living forests which you propose to kill. Perhaps we should be investigating the Forest Service. Is there corruption going on here? Please look into that.

The countries of the world spoke in Paris. We HAVE TO stop pouring carbon into the atmosphere now.

Cutting mountains on the top,  
All of this must STOP, STOP, STOP !

It is extremely troublesome to learn that the US Forest Service can take action in favor of corporate destruction of forests and against the national interest to develop clean sources of energy such as wind power. Germany gets more than 30% of its power from wind these days, and here we are continuing to pollute the planet while clean options exist. Your "business as usual" attitude with respect to coal companies is disturbing as well as contrary to the President's stated positions in Paris. Will you ever change your ways?  
Now begins Sierra Club's response.

Please protect America's precious natural beauty and prevent anymore global warming by rejecting the Arch Coal Loophole.

The forest service is doing a DISservice to the American people by proposing such a poor use of a roadless area and the resources therein.

I live in an area that has been mined and is full of gas-pads. The area is a methane hot spot. Stop selling our future for a dead end industry.

You are out of step with the rest of the world. Get with it.

How dare you take land that belongs to all Americans. That land will be irreparably damaged. My husband and

We have a mandate----fossil fuels need to stay in the ground!!!! To meet our responsibilities to arrest climate change and destruction----we simply need to oppose any more raping of public lands, destruction of Carbon sequestering trees, and production of fossil fuel technologies.....it's time to put your money into renewables.....NO COAL!!!!

This "LOOPHOLE" would also of roadless forest, DEGRADING HABITAT for black bear, elk, goshawk, lynx, and cutthroat trout!

Would you by REJECTING THE COAL MINING LOOPHOLE to the Colorado Roadless Rule!!  
coal mining loophole in the Colorado Roadless Rule.

We need to keep fossil fuels in the ground and also most definitely away off Federal lands. - Joe Ratley

Coal mining is a dying industry that must not be revived, in order that we save a habitable planet. That's why

This is coal owned by taxpayers, not Arch Coal Loophole and they have no right to it solely to make a profit.

Get rid of coal altogether; don't enable it.

This loophole would also set the stage for up to 72 miles of road being bulldozed through thousands of acres of publicly-owned roadless forest full of beautiful white aspen and centuries-old Engelmann spruce, affecting 30 square miles

Without appropriate technology for pre-combustion treatment, oxy-combustion, or post-combustion treatment, and without carbon capture and storage technology, The United States should reduce (eventually eliminate) the use of coal as a n energy source. Therefore, not does this proposal threaten the entire plante through climate change but it also violates roadless areas.

Keep fossil fuels in the ground!!!

How could any sane person allow this?

8 times more damaging to our climate than carbon dioxide -- directly into our

Keep it in the ground!

If we want a world for ourselves and our children we had better keep coal in the ground.

WTF Forest Service???

How about the protect actual forests? And not Arch Coal?

Roadless Rule.

STOP any coal company from mining taxpayer-owned coal!

The plan is dangerously out of step with the critical goal of cutting U.S. carbon emissions by 26

Coal mining is the enemy of a healthy park.

I find this proposal deeply disturbing, given the challenge of facing climate change, the pollution caused by fossil fuels from acquisition through use, and the harm done to these national lands by allowing this proposed use.

Please help us take the steps we need for a realistic engagement with the challenge most impending upon us at this time.

As an American who values our natural heritage and its inspiration of the American spirit and who values a clean environment,

Please fulfill your solemn obligation to protect our forest lands from this kind of greedy and destructive exploitation.

Preserve the forest and do not pollute with more coal!

There are better ways to get new energy.

This is absolutely crazy. Expanding Arch Coal's mine for tons of new coal can kill us and the entire greenhouse gas saturated planet. The forest service should be planting more trees and shrubs to absorb carbon out of the air and storing it underground. That is the most critical thing you should be doing! save the planet for the people and wildlife. don't let billionaires and a few corporations destroy nature's gift to all of us for more money and political power. We and all of our children need a healthy planet to live on.

In light of the recent Paris agreement any new investments in coal, especially at the expense of forests serves only to show that we do not honor those commitments. Coal adds CO<sub>2</sub>, forests trap CO<sub>2</sub>. Are we committed to tackling climate change or are we not?

Coal is the dirtiest fossil fuel there is, and we should seek alternatives instead of dredging up tons of this stuff to pollute our air and water.

Just say NO!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

With the historic Paris agreement on cutting carbon emissions finally agreed upon, it is counter productive to support coal production.

.Am I wrong in thinking your Responsibility has been to Protect Forests?I would appreciate someone in The Forestry Service to explain to me just what your Responsibilities do entail.Respectfully,Carol Christie Genest

We NEED to move to renewable energy sources ASAP, not enrich the fossil fuel industry, while it destroys public land!

Keep the fossil fuel in the ground!

If the United States does not uphold it's part of the Paris peace negotiations it will give us a big black eye as far as the other participants are concerned.

These are our forests; Arch Coal must respect and protect our forests, and keep the coal in the ground.

This dangerous plan would undermine habitat for Canada Lynx, Gunnison Sage Grouse, Northern Goshawk, rare native plants and other wildlife. Not to mention polluting air and water in this pristine area.

Your agency has a duty to represent ALL Coloradoans, not just mining interests.  
This proposal is outrageous!

It is time to begin leaving fossil fuel, and especially coal, where it is. And above all, we must not destroy remaining roadless areas to remove more planet-destroying coal.

In my view, it is impossible to justify expanding Arch Coal's mine to get at 170 million additional tons of coal that will release up to 486 million tons of carbon pollution, particularly in light of your own finding that this CO2 could cause up to \$13 billion in environment.

Furthermore, and perhaps even worse, expanding the mine and building new methane well pads would only exacerbate the already dangerous amount of methane released to the atmosphere.

This plan is grossly inconsistent with our nation's important goal of cutting U.S. carbon emissions by 26% in ten years, not to mention President Obama's goal of reducing emissions from federal agencies by 40% over that same time period.

I am equally concerned that this proposal would also lead to construction of up to 72 miles of road being bulldozed on 30 square miles of roadless wildland, severely harming habitat for many wildlife species, including black bear, elk, goshawk, lynx, and cutthroat trout. Your job is to protect such habitat.

End the proliferation of filthy, dangerous 19th century technology. We need to move forward at all costs.

Please listen to US, THE PEOPLE.

Are you idiots just f---king crazy or just have no brains at all - I mean, REALLY????!!!

How can you even consider anything not in line with the climate change concerns and protection of our forests???????

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I cannot believe this is happening. It is utterly disgusting, and there must be a law you are breaking.

Please don't do it.

It really is extremely simple: NO MORE COAL! The money to be spent on new coal mining MUST instead be spent on non fossil fuel sources, we are really insane to open new areas to coal mining.

coal mining loophole in the Colorado Roadless Rule.

This Flies in the face of all environmental reasoning and would be totally irresponsible for the stewards of our forests to support

Clean air and clean water are the top priority for me and my family - and our earth.

I do not support the Forest Service proposal to reopen the

I oppose the proposal by the US Forest Service to reopen the

Per your own analysis this carbon methane every day -- which is . Expanding the mine and building new methane well pads would only exacerbate the damage at a time when the world's nations have pledged to reduce harmful greenhouse gases.

This loophole would also set the stage for up to 72 miles of road being bulldozed through roadless forest, seriously

Oh no you don't! Loopholes are great for knitting --- not at all good for protecting America's forests.

The best place for this coal is in the ground.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Save the forest and keep the coal in the ground.

++\*Don't undue what we have worked at so long\* to accomplish. Please use your resources for clean energy possibilities like wind power. You can make money there too and do good for the entire global community. Please don't put the almighty dollar as your priority at this most crucial stage of earth, our common home. Look in the mirror and honestly face yourself and see what the best part of you says. I'm counting on you!

No company's profits are more important than protecting the Earth. Just stop it.

This mine already releases methane into our atmosphere daily. We definitely cannot afford to increase this damage.

Please help us reach our goals for reducing devastating GHG emissions protect our climate and this beautiful roadless forest by

We are counting on you.

We need trees to live, not coal!

Roadless Rule. Instead, the USFS must look to Pres. Obama's statement for its mandate: "If we want to prevent the worst effects of climate change before it's too late, the time to act is now. Not later. Not someday. Right here, right now."

**THIS WOULD BE MADNESS!**

Don't allow any coal mine to be ed at the Colorado. Creating mines there will harm the lands of Colorado. Furthermore according to the Sierra Club a couple hundreds of millions tons of carbon dioxide will be released if the mine is created. And carbon dioxide is already at too extreme levels. But the coal mine will add another chunk of CO2 and speed up climate change.

This is public land owned by the American tax payer! How dare you allow the coal mining loophole ruin public land for corporate profit!

Please do not amend the Colorado Roadless Rule to expand the Arch Coal mine. The benefits are minimal and the problems that will result are great.

As a resident of Kentucky, I am all too familiar with the devastation that surface and Mountain Top Removal coal mining causes. And I have seen the devastating results of fracking in North Dakota.

**IT'S 2016 IN A FEW WEEKS - PAST TIME TO DROP FOSSIL FUELS - KEEP IT IN THE GROUND AND SAVE THE PLANET!!**

Thank you in advance for doing the right thing.

i cannot believe that the forest service would do such an injustice to the whole system by letting these trees be felled so we can get coal... The climate change meeting in Paris this week, voted against using coal as a source of fuel. Now you think this is okay! Please get yourself together and vote this down. The National Forest are too beautiful and precious to be destroyed by the pursuit of coal.

I request that the USFS send me a copy of the draft environmental impact statement as provided-for in PL91-190. I request also a copy of the final environmental impact statement. Request also that the USFS send me other dates that are pertinent as related to the Colorado Roadless Rule and any other proposed actions that may be related to issuing permits for coal mining or roads to proposed sites in Colorado.

**IT IS A MORAL INJUSTICE AND CRIME TO PROCEED WITH THE STRIP MINING OF THIS FEDERAL LEGACY AT RISK IS THE CONTINUING DEGRADATION OF OUR PLANET. IF THIS PLAN GOES FORWARD, WE ARE THEN AS UNCONSCIONABLE AS THOSE WHO CONTINUE TO SLASH AND BURN THE RAIN FOREST OF THIS WORLD. YOU MUST NOT RELEASE THIS LAND.**

Stop it! No new coal mines.

live in the Colorado mountains in the summer months and I know how important it is to preserve the environment locally and globally.

Forest Service needs to listen!!! This is not part of the PLAN!!!

Are you kidding me!! Have you not been paying attention?!??!

The United States does not need this coal, or the associated jobs. We have alternative sources of energy, & those alternative energy industries would provide jobs to more than offset the jobs associated with this coal project.

GROSS!!

Reject the loophole to the CRR!

Please please - we are TRYING to go forward into a future without these carbon fuels and the problems they cause.

The rich owners of these mining corporations have little regard for the environment, which is our HOME after all!

When my uncle worked for the Forest Service, they PROTECTED the forests and helped the wildlife. The loggers managed the forest with selective cutting and always replanted. They didn't promote clear-cutting, burning and destroying nature! Coal is a BAD idea. Go look at the air in China.

Hello! We have global climate change and coal is the worst polluter. How can we even think of reopening coal mining and on public land yet!!

We don't want more coal, we want roadless areas and clean, renewable energy.

Are you forgetting this is PUBLIC land? The public wants biodiversity and the beauty of nature, not polluted ugliness.

The plan badly contradicts the critical goal of cutting U.S. carbon emissions by 26 percent in ten years as well as the president's goal for that period of 40-percent emission reduction from federal agencies.

enable extraction of 170 million tons of new coal with the potential to release over 480 million tons of carbon pollution. By the Service's own analysis, this environment. The existing mine already emits daily to the atmosphere methane -- which in a 20-year period damages the climate over 80 times as much as does CO2. Expanding the mine and building new methane well pads would only worsen the damage at a time when we can least afford it.

This loophole would also enable bulldozing 70 miles of road in 30 square miles of roadless forest, thereby degrading habitat for lynx, black bear, elk, goshawk, and cutthroat trout.

Please protect climate and beautiful roadless forest by

Deforestation is not the answer.

Coal is a dangerous, antiquated source of energy and it is time to LEAVE IT IN THE GROUND and concentrate on development of clean, renewable sources of energy.

Are you out of your f\*g minds!!!! what a disgrace to destroy all this beautiful land and life for the sake of COAL!!!! that is an archaic, filthy, polluting fuel.

PLEASE DON'T MAKE AN IRREVERSIBLE DECISION.

THIS IS SOME OF THE BEST COAL LEFT ON THE PLANET AND CAN BE USED TO MAKE COAL.

LET'S LEAVE IT FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS!!

Thanks for all you have done and continue to do to make the world a safer, healthier place for all beings to live, now and into the future!

Why would you OK a plan that would put so much carbon into the atmosphere that it would cost \$13 billion to the economy and environment? Please don't do this.

Coal mining is destructive, dangerous, and dirty.

Arch Coal should not be allowed to expand its operation; an expansion serves no one's interests except Arch Coal's. Rules and regulations should not be made to favor a corporation over the interests of the American people.

We are counting on you for strong environmental leadership that is consistent with the goal of a healthy planet.

Protect and keep our trees! We need them now more than ever before.

This kind of development is no longer within the realm of feasibility to reach the benchmarks called for by the world in reduction of temperature to prevent disastrous worldwide consequences. The line has to be drawn now to meet objectives just laid out and agreed upon by the countries of the world. The Forest Service has become critically important in that preserving forest is in itself vital for carbon reduction.

That's unacceptable and deadly to the future of our species.

This loophole would also set the stage for up to 72 miles of road being bulldozed through 30 square miles

Forests take in carbon dioxide and release oxygen, possibly saving humans' future; another coal mine, especially in what's now a forest, will result in people's deaths by adding carbon dioxide to the atmosphere and destroying the trees that could help mitigate that pollution. We cannot afford this mine. Please reject any loopholes that would allow it to endanger our world.

No! No! No! Just say no to Arch Coal. And by doing so you will be saying Yes Yes Yes to the Earth and the Environment and to Life.

Is the Forest Service supposed to protect and serve our forests not decimate them?? Please do your job to preserve the forests!!

Protect forests. Do not protect dirty coal Corporate Profits.

This is the antithesis to what the Paris treaty is all about.

This is absolutely the wrong decision to make.

WTF? Don't you guys believe in science? We don't need to open any more forest land, especially for coal. Roadless Rule.

Just stop it!

I am a stockholder in Arch Coal and they are a really bad outfit. do not let them do this in the forest

Please do the right thing now!

I teach about climate change, and know that coal is the worst emitter of carbon. Even 196 countries agreed on that in Paris yesterday.

IT IS NOW OFFICIAL THAT THE CITIZENS OF OUR EARTH WANT DRAMATIC CHANGE IMMEDIATELY AND THIS PROPOSAL IS UNFIT FOR MOVING FORWARD WITH A RENEWED COMMITMENT TO CHERISH OUR EARTH.

YOU WORK FOR US, THE CITIZENS. BLOCK THIS POSSIBILITY.

\*\*\*\*Most loopholes should be eliminated & this one for sure. This land is public use, NOT for energy companies to destroy at will. I spend most of my holidays (that comes to about 4 months!) in either National Forests or National Parks & this destruction and extraction of CO2 producing energies in these wonderful lands is horrific! Please, let's keep the land for the public, not the energy companies!  
Thank you!  
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In West Virginia and Virginia, the Forest Service has still not approved a route for the completion of the Allegheny Trail (a hiking trail) because of concerns about the environmental impacts of a single hiking trail on the Jefferson National Forest. But you are willing to let coal companies bulldoze roads through a National Forest. What kind of land stewards are you?

There are probably loopholes in every law and regulation to favor business over the public good. But the public doesn't know that the Forest Service is funded by taxpayer dollars in order to promote business interests. The public thinks that it is there to protect public lands and trees from exploitation. Our world is warming at a dangerously fast pace fast, which could condemn all future life. The Forest Service, by promoting Arch Coal's interest over the interests of our children and grandchildren, looks like it is ready to pound the last nails into the coffin.

No! No! No!

We should not destroy beautiful forests for the sake of dirty energy. We need to focus on the energy of the future which are renewables. We need to focus on making America a leader again in new technology which will benefit now only us but the world.

HOW MUCH MORE FILTH AND DESTRUCTION IS THE FOREST SERVICE GOING TO ALLOW????

At the recent COP 21 in Paris, the target is 1.5 Celsius and allowing more coal production would Undermine this goal.

Please join other federal agencies and reject the coal mining loophole.

Really? The Forest Service wants to approve a plan that will not only devastate forests and land but also degrade habitats for crucial animals? Did I actually read that right?

This plan is out of step with the critical goal of cutting U.S. carbon emissions by 26

Please use your power as our elected President to override big corporation money.  
Thank you,  
Karen

This is insane. You want to allow the destruction of roadless forest to dig 170 million tons of polluting coal out of the ground. In what way is this the Forest "Service"? Is satisfying the Fossil Fuel Industry the "service" that

you provide?

The international agreement in Paris has demonstrated it. Coal mining is a bad idea. And WE SHOULD NOT MAKE THE DAMAGE WORSE BY DESTROYING PUBLIC LAND WHILE FURTHER DAMAGING OUR ENTIRE WORLD. STOP. If they insist on continuing to damage the global atmosphere, AT LEAST PROTECT PUBLIC LAND FROM PERMANENT DESTRUCTION SO THEY CAN MAKE A FEW MORE BUCKS!

This is so totally idiotic it defies any consideration by anyone that is aware of the devastation it would cause the environment. The Forest Service supposed to protect our forests, not give preference to ACL - reject the Arch Coal Loophole, and keep 170 million tons of taxpayer-owned coal in the ground where it belongs!

are at a point in history when we should reduce the amount of coal used rather than mine more coal and release more methane gas. Our country has the goal of cutting U.S. carbon emissions by 26%. To allow Arch Coal increased access for mining is clearly counterproductive.

Worse yet, Once roadless areas are degraded by roads, the balance in the ecosystem is undermined. One cannot simply undo this kind of destruction, and a precious ecosystem balance is lost.

We, the American citizens, own this forest. We DO NOT want it destroyed.

We need more trees not more roads, coal mines, and carbon pollution!

THIS SENIOR CITIZEN SAYS THIS IS NOT A "GOOD IDEA"! WHAT IS YOUR JOB DESCRIPTION? TO RAPE THE LAND, OUR LAND, TO MAKE BILLIONAIRES EVEN RICHER? MAYBE IT IS TO PROTECT THE LAND, OUR LAND, FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS! (GOT ANY CHILDREN?)

By any measure, coal mining does not fit the Forest Service motto "Multiple Use, Sustained Yield". Surface coal mining is doubly destruction, representing a single use of the land that is not sustainable, and aggravates climate change. We don't need coal for electricity. We can generate power from rooftop solar and wind.

Leave the coal in the ground and protect the forests. We cannot endlessly release CO<sub>2</sub> into the atmosphere and not expect to pay the consequences. The old way of operating needs to go and the Forest Service needs to consider new realities. Leave the coal in the ground!

We cannot allow new leases that exacerbate climate change and step on the neck of all that worked so hard in Paris. These fossil fuels must be kept in the ground! Market forces must be permitted to bankrupt Arch Coal. It is not up to the American taxpayer to bail them out from their bad investments.

Stop allowing the desecration of our public lands by corporate interests; this is NOT what we pay your agency for.

Do you remember the founding of the Forest Service.? The Forest Service is required to do the greatest good for the greatest number in the long run.

No to more mining of coal. Stop this now. Use renewable resources.

We do not need Arch Coal's mine COAL! Others are getting out of coal completely, like Germany! Why are you, the Forest Service, encouraging Arch Coal?

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS ABOMINABLE IDEA! THROW THEM IN JAIL, NOW!

Please DO NOT make any deals like the one opposed here-in. Serve yhe People instead....

The Forest Service exists to protect and preserve our forests. They are not yours to destroy.

Protecting our wild areas should be a paramount endeavor. Exploiting the land is unconscionable. Once lost...never to be recovered. That is unfair to do to us all.

This is exactly the wrong path to take. How in the world will we fulfill the Paris Climate agreement and become carbon neutral by 2050 if we keep digging up coal? It is time to think about our legacy to our children and our grandchildren!

The age of coal is over, the only thing we should be doing is eliminating it from our lives. Stop mountain top removal, and stop expanding coal mines.

DAMN!!! DO NOT DESTROY THOUSANDS OF ACRES OF PRECIOUS FORESTS SO COAL CORP CAN POISON HUMANITY AND ALL LIVING THINGS!!! BIG UGLY DIRTY FILTHY SICK COAL CORPS AT WAR ON PERSONAL AND PLANETARY HEALING!!! URGENT!!! DANGERS!!! WARNINGS!!! BAN COAL EVERYTHING EVERYWHERE NOW!

HAS THE FOREST SERVICE IN COLORADO GONE INSANE?!

COAL KILLS ALOT!!! PROTECT AND LOVE THE FOREST IT BELONGS TO EVERYONE!!! GO SOLAR BIG TIME!!!

Please protect our climate, our planet and this beautiful roadless forest by

We don't have enough roadless areas as it is.

Don't have any children, nieces or nephews, do you? Don't care about when climate change "hits the fan", which is already happening with droughts, floods and the most powerful hurricane yet measured.

We can do better than coal!

Stop the low life corporate greedsters from decimating Our forests for Their gain and Our loss.

KEEP THE DIRTY COAL IN THE GROUND !!! .... AND ENTER THE 21ST CENTURY WHILE YOU'RE AT IT !

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I was shocked when I read about this plan. I couldn't believe it! Coal???

I thought we were beyond that.

Tell Arch coal to forget it!

1. Defend the Roadless Rull
2. Reject Arch Coal's expansion - this is Post Paris.

I am a retired chemical engineer (Getty Oil). No More!

I oppose the Forest Service plan & proposal to reopen the

This plan is dangerous and out of step with the critical goal of cutting U.S. carbon emissions by 26

This was drafted by the Sierra Club, an organization I support.

Keeping coal in the ground is critical to lessen climate change. Why is the government making seriously bad choices for the U.S. ???

Susan Cook PhD Toxicologist

How many steps backward must you take?

Why would you do this???

This is completely Wrong and Immoral. Our Public Lands are Not up for sale to the highest bidder to destroy!

I strongly It's a bad idea.

It's a very bad idea.

Bad, bad, bad idea.

In case you were wondering, that is an extremely bad idea.

Rejection: good idea.

Protect our climate and this beautiful roadless forest by

Coal is so last century. Leave it in the ground. We don't need the carbon.

Reject the idea of enabling new mining in the Arch Coal mine. Our forests are too valuable to destroy them by extending mining in Colorado. To do that will result in pollution, which we must reduce to protect the environment.

Besides, the coal industry is already oversupplied, suffering from low coal prices, drowning in debt, and needs less coal available to market, not more.

**PLEASE PROTECT THIS GORGEOUS PIECE OF ROADLESS FOREST AND FURTHER OUR CLIMATE COMMITMENTS ---REJECT THE COAL MINING LOOPHOLE IN THE COLORADO ROADLESS RULE.**

It is up to the Forest Service to defend our wilderness areas. Public lands are funded by the taxpayers, and as an American I want the wilderness--national parks and public lands to remain wild. The park lands are home to wildlife, and destruction of their habitat will threaten their survival. President Obama has been prudent on environmental issues, and acted on climate change. Preserving the forests reduces the carbon in the atmosphere, preserves the habitat for animals, and allows for our recreational activities.

As a U.S. taxpayer and thus part owner of this coal, I want to leave in the ground. The Forest Service needs to wise up.

Let's not spend our energy going backwards instead of forwards!

This plan is dangerously out of step with the critical goal of cutting carbon emissions by 26% in ten years as well as the president's goal of reducing emissions from federal agencies by 40% in the same time period.

Protect our climate and this beautiful roadless forest by

With what is now known, a government cannot be legitimate without banning fossil fuels. The environment is national security; pollution is treason.

This is one of the most idiotic proposals to come down the pike in years. It is especially ridiculous on the heels of the climate summit in Paris where almost 200 countries pledged to reduce carbon from the atmosphere. Leave the coal in the ground and maintain the roadless area.

You are the U. S. Forest Service, tasked with caring for and protecting our forests. How does allowing Arch Coal to expand their mine into a pristine, untouched forest fit with your mission?

**DO NOT ALLOW THE FUTURE OF OUR COUNTRY'S AMAZING NATURAL AREAS TO BE SQUANDERED FOR THE PROFIT OF A FEW!!!**

I now get my electricity from wind farms. I divorced coal. I am still on the grid but my wind farms are audited by green-e.org.

This is our land, you have been given the responsibility to take CARE OF IT, not allow a loophole to destroy what little we have left! Allowing Arch Coal to go forward is a breach of our trust and our rights to this land. Please do NOT sell us out for big business that is only in it for the money!

Coal mining is a filthy, destructive, and dangerous practice.

So, why would you even think of allowing expansion?!

Furthermore, the atmosphere every day.

It is obvious to anyone that expanding the mine and building new methane well pads would only

Please protect our climate, the magnificent wildlife, and this beautiful roadless forest by

I thought that the forest service was supposed to be part of "the system" designed to protect and save forests from man's wasteful ways.

Only those who are probably receiving illegal benefits from the Coal Industry would support the use of the environmentally destructive Colorado Road-less Rule so that their mining interest/bosses could expand their dirty little business onto public lands.

Please protect our PUBLIC lands from those who would profit from destroying them.

What?!? Why?!? No way! I thought the Forest Service were here to help protect America's forests, not destroy them.

Expanding the mine and building new methane well pads would only

This plan is dangerously out of step with the critical goal of cutting U.S. carbon emissions.

I personally would like to see the day when the U S Forest Service is no longer a pawn to the wood products or energy companies.

The Forest Service should be protecting our forests for the benefit of all Americans, who are the rightful owners of forests on public lands. It should not be sacrificing them to serve the interests of fossil fuel companies, when the use of these fuels will further endanger existing forests through the effects of climate change.

Our public lands, including plants, wildlife, and ecosystems, should be protected and preserved in their natural

state, and should not be exploited, damaged, or destroyed just for a corporation's short-term profit.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns regarding this critically important matter.  
I am writing to you to express my strongest opposition to the Forest Service proposal to reopen the

Moreover, the existing mine itself already releases methane -- a gas that exacerbates the damage at a time when we are already facing increasingly extreme events on a global level.

This plan is dangerously out of step with the crucial goal of cutting U.S. carbon emissions by 26

It is far past time to stop giving special protections to fossil fuel interests which, like Arch Coal, are actively seeking nothing but private profits as they deny the profound danger of climate change to everyone in the world.

We can't go backwards!

Leave it in the ground!

In addition, it is December 2015, there is a glut of domestic coal in the market as it stands and Arch Coal is insolvent --do not endanger our natural resources for a company that may not even survive-and if it does, has no where to sell the coal it is mining.  
Thank you for your assistance.

Even more critically, of roadless forest, degrading habitat for black bear, elk, goshawk, lynx, and cutthroat trout, and degrading prime eco-tourism land owned by the citizens of the United States.

We are awake. Business as usual does is not acceptable.

Keep it in the ground!

We are already destroying much of the world's forests for consumer products and energy; we need green energies, not more coal.

Arch Coal is in default on interest payments and may soon be in bankruptcy. It cannot be trusted to stay in business or clean up its mess. The coal industry is fading away, and we should help it fade faster in order to reserve a livable climate.

It would also put more carbon in the air that is now stored in the forest's standing trees, their root systems, and the associated soil.

Go to Fallujah and eat your dead you murdered to steal Iraq's oil and then on to Granada to overthrow another Dental School for Jesus because those tan dental assistants drive Redneck Republicans right over their white phosphorous cliff!! Coal belongs in the ground with your mass murdering delusions of adequacy and creating a gazillion terrorists who hate have robotic missiles fired up their ass for the Mother Mary!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

WHAT ON PLANET BOZO IS DUMBER THAN THE GREAT AMERICAN MORON?

Nothing!

This runs against common sense, science, and the public interest.

I am for untouched forested land. I am for respecting the sacred. I am for discovering ways to support the wellbeing of ourselves by also supporting our beautiful mother.

Forest Service proposal to reopen the Is like finding a loop hole to legally ravage a person.

Please consider the impact of this choice.

Please honor our Earth.

Oil is at its cheapest levels - how is this even cost efficient?!?!?!?!?

We do not need more coal energy. Please do not allow this travesty to occur. John wold.

I strenuously oppose the short-sighted Forest Service proposal to reopen the It is outrageous that, as global warming threatens to destabilize the world, anyone should propose to replace carbon-eating trees with a mine to extract carbon-polluting coal.

As a long time volunteer for the USFS , I would state that the use of coal in these times has become a huge unnecessary venture . The tremendous supply of natural gas is today the only source that should be considered in place of anymore coal . coal seriously needs to be phased out so the FS should do their duty and NOT ALLOW this .. It has always been my direction that the usfs protects the environment , not helps destroy it

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There is nothing more important to the continued survival of the web of life on this planet than keeping coal IN THE GROUND. No corporation's bottom line even comes close. This battle is more crucial than World War II, when President Roosevelt harnessed industry to build war machines and also blocked profiteering. The federal government must learn how to govern again for the good of America and the good of the world.

Put Solar panels and wind turbines in place to generate electricity. Clean and less expensive and keeps our earth livable.

We have a responsibility to our children and future generations.....as well as to the wild creatures that inhabit that land.

It is nothing short of insane to allow more loss of forest and more mining of coal. You know, there is that little climate change thingie to think about.

It is a shame that the US Forest Service fails to comply with its obligation to protect the environment in general, and forests, in particular. You must eliminate the coal mining loophole in the Colorado Roadless Rule now.

Our land is not expendable. Our air, water, and lives are not expendable. Coal must be replaced with clean energy, not black lung.

This is a horrible idea! Who in the world would approve this environmental disaster . My family opposes the Forest Service proposal to reopen the

**PLEASE THINK OF THE FUTURE OF THIS WORLD FOR OUR CHILDREN!**

Expanding the mine and building new methane well pads adds pollution, a public burden, for a company's private profit.

We have plenty of energy companies. We don't have much roadless forest.

You may have read that nobody wants coal at this time due to the pollution and the cost. We certainly don't need to export coal, since we might need it some day and it won't be burned responsibly by other countries. So please give this loser idea the action it deserves--just say no!  
Stop raping Mother Earth !!!

Coal is on the way out it is clear; let's keep it in the ground where it has been for millions of years. We need to expand Green energy instead. Arch Coal should be investing in Wind Towers instead of mining coal.

People, animals, and the environment over profits...for the few!

Forests are protected from this!!! Put the money to no-fossil fuels!

Please be aware that as an American citizen,

Leaving aside the fact that Arch Coal is one of the least trustworthy companies in the United States as far as environmental standards and worker exposure is concerned, we're talking about enough coal to The Forest Service's own analysis found that this carbon environment. Plus there's the methane. We're already looking at an existing mine that dumps methane into our make that even worse; we're talking about a gas eighty-six times worse than mere carbon here, as far as its effects on the atmosphere are concerned.

It is time to put the health of children and their environment before the profits of the fossil-fuel industry!

Coal is so 19th century - let's save our wild spaces and move to clean renewables.

Your task is to protect the earth for my children, grand children AND GREAT grands and their offspring... if there are any. It is NOT continue the century-old belief that all of the country's resources are to be harvested willy-nilly.

USFS needs to respect its own experts, and join the world movement to REDUCE CO2 emissions, not increase them.

Arch Coal is a dinosaur. Its methane every day. Expanding the mine and building new methane well pads would only

Especially important to me as a frequent visitor to federal PROTECTED LANDS (where I buy supplies and gas in local communities) is that this loophole would also set the stage for up to 72 miles of road. This would open 30 square miles

I am copying this letter to my Congressman and Senator. Please defend the Colorado Roadless Rule; reject the coal mining loophole.

Thank you for listening!

Sylvia Wright  
Davis, California

We need to be moving away from using coal and non-renewable resources, rather than encouraging their use.

You're supposed to be defending and preserving our forests, not destroying them, worse yet, literally adding fuel to the fire of climate change.

Remember: Coal in the ground, CO2 in the trees.

Will you by rejecting the coal mining loophole to the Colorado Roadless Rule?

Mountain-tops never grow back once destroyed.

This plan is dangerously out of step with the critical goal of cutting U.S. carbon emissions by 26

The USA already has an energy surplus - so much so, that our nation's corporations are sending oil and gas overseas. We should not be damaging our nation's environment - our heritage - to further corporate greed.

Coal mining is dead. Renewables are our future.

.Stay off public land and create other clean energy.

Arch can find some other places to mine where damage has already been done.

Am I anti-business? Not at all. But I am against any business who has the rest of us pay the costs (forest destroyed, pollution, health, etc) while reaping none of the benefits. It's not fair, it's exploitation - NOT a true free market.

STOP using the planet as our sole birthright.

You are the american terrorist to the environment.If we ever have a revolution some day I would like you to be at the top of the list for jailing at Gitmo.

Our national public land is a resource for all of our citizens, and is not a playground for profiteers!

No more coal!

Instead of expanding our coal mining activities, this country should put all it's resources and energy into expanding our solar and wind power capacities. This action, allowing Arch Coal access to publicly owned roadless forest so they can mine it's coal, is foolhardy in the extreme.

It is blatantly obvious that this loophole is dangerously out of step with the international climate agreement just reached in Paris. Is the Forest Service unaware that it has occurred?

Please protect our fragile climate and this beautiful roadless forest by  
We can use our forests, owned by taxpayers, for hunting, fishing, camping, and tourism, which are profitable industries that also create jobs.

This remains a vexing problem primarily due to industry's ability to curry favor with elected officials. The corrupting influence of money in our political system is undermining our democratic traditions and discouraging Americans from voting and/or running for office. This ominous development may well end our experiment in representative democracy unless we alter this decades-long trend. For the sake of the republic, we must amend the US Constitution to state that corporations are not people (and do not have constitutional rights) and money is not speech (and thus can be regulated by state and/or federal campaign finance laws). Short of accomplishing this, no other re of significance will be achieved. The moneyed interests will turn any re to their benefit, often at the expense of the nation as a whole.

Please protect our climate, OUR ATMOSPHERE, and this beautiful road-less forest by  
I am writing to express my opposition to the Forest Service's proposal to reopen the

release up to 486 million tons of carbon pollution into the atmosphere. The Forest Service's own analysis found that this carbon environment. Additionally, the existing Arch Coal mine already releases atmosphere every day. Expanding the mine and building new methane well pads would only

You know its the right thing to do!

It is antithetical to the President's stance to combat global warming to contemplate, let alone propose, destroying forest land to facilitate coal mining.

Climate change is threatening communities in the US and around the world. This action will exacerbate the problem, and is in direct conflict with the Administration's goals. I deeply

The trees will save the planet. The coal will destroy it.

Please reject the coal mining loophole to the Colorado Roadless Rule.

Coal is a dangerous and environmentally destructive energy source and its use should be stopped. Please help protect future generations.  
Don't do it!

Letting Arch Coal mine vast amounts of coal in national forests would not only destroy the land that you control in the public trust, but add to CO2 and methane emissions just when the world is coming together to rein them in. coal mining loophole in the Colorado Roadless Rule.

Protect the environment by leaving the coal in the ground.  
Making this decision to bulldoze and destroy precious irreplaceable resources and the lives of thousands of animals is so mind-boggling and out of step with the (quoted from your website) "U.S. Forest Service's commitment of being responsible for the multi-faceted agency that manages and protects 154 national forests and 20 grasslands in 44 states and Puerto Rico. This agency's mission is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. The U.S. Forest Service also has an elite wild land firefighting team and the world's largest forestry research organization. Our experts provide technical and financial help to state and local government agencies, businesses, private landowners and work government-to-government with tribes to help protect and manage non-federal forest and associated range and watershed lands. The U.S. Forest Service works through partnerships with public and private agencies that help us plant trees, improve trails, educate the public, and improve conditions in wild land/urban interfaces and rural areas, just to name a few. Our team also promotes sustainable forest management and biodiversity conservation internationally." unquote

I question your ability to do what you say you are committed to doing and to propose this destruction of all you have promised to protect, facilitate and care for.

The American people should not have to keep fighting to protect lands that have already been set aside as publicly-owned forest. The long-term future of these spaces is more important than the short-term profits of the coal industry.

It's the only right thing to do. Remember one thing: Forest Service not mine service. We deserve to be the best at anything we do. And being a leader in climate change is the best for all Americans!  
**AS TAXPAYERS, AS VOTERS AND AS PARENTS, WE STRONGLY URGE YOU TO DENY PERMISSION TO ARCH COAL. THINK OF AMERICA'S NATURAL FUTURE. FOR OUR GRANDCHILDREN AND YOURS, PLEASE SHOW YOUR COURAGE AND YOUR WISDOM.....AND SAY A LOUD "NO"!**

Please protect our climate and this beautiful road-less forest by rejecting the coal mining loophole to the Colorado Road-less Rule.

How foolish are the people in charge that the tax payer has to sign petitions and protest to get elected officials to do what is right in the first place.

The coal in this area is not needed and the wilderness is worth protecting.

I SIMPLY CANNOT BELIEF THAT THIS WOULD HAPPEN AND FOLLOWING ON SUCH POSITIVE CHANGES FROM THE CLIMATE SUMMIT! SHAME, SHAME, SHAME!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Now more than ever you should be protecting our forests instead of helping coal industries make money.

IF WE ARE SERIOUS ABOUT TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE, WE HAVE TO ADOPT A POLICY OF LEAVING CARBON-BASED FUELS IN THE GROUND TO THE MAXIMUM EXTENT POSSIBLE, AND THAT MEANS NO MORE COAL MINING!!! IT IS THE WORST FUEL IN TERMS OF GENERATING GREENHOUSE GASES, AS YOU CERTAINLY KNOW.

In light of the recent discussions and commitments in Paris, this seems to be the only moral and sensible decision.

Seriously?! We are still mining fossil fuels for energy?! It's 2016 for crying out loud!!! NO MORE RAPING AND POLLUTING OUR EARTH!

It's time to shift gears NOW and start working to protect ourselves and the earth from global warming. Keep the coal in the ground!

Don't let the scumbag republicans/ communists win!!!

Not only all this, but there isn't any money in the dirty fuel business anymore. Everyone knows that if we continue to pollute, except those that make money from it apparently, the world will become uninhabitable and we will all perish.

Mother Earth is here and will give to 7s, when we are good stewards. We DO NOT OWN HER!

We can only save trees by reducing climate change and more coal is the Opposite of what we need to do!

Our wild places are precious and dwindling. It would be a terrible shame to destroy this one for something as short-sighted as coal.

COAL IS NO LONGER A VIABLE COMMODITY!

When will we ever learn to love and protect our beautiful home???

Fossil fuels lead to climatic changes that Will end all life on Earth.

Coal needs to be left in the ground!

There is no more time for coal. That era has come and gone leaving a mountainous clean up task for all of us to accomplish.

Coal is the wrong energy to pursue with the knowledge that we have now ,In addition to take down a forest for the purpose of mining this coal makes this doubly wrong .

Let's not do this now, wait until it is really needed.We don't need any more pollution!

If we continue to rely on oil, coal, and other old technology as fuel, how can we expect new fuels and technology to be used?

"The earth is not a gift from our parents, it's a loan from our children."

What will you do with it?

You wouldn't pour motor oil on fine carpet. Climate change aside, why pour dirty carbon pollutants into the air?

Roadless Rule. Coal is the most polluting of fuel on the planet. It destroys the vegetation and top soil at the

mining site and for building roads. It creates toxic waste ponds at the mining sites polluting ground water and streams. It creates toxic dust when transported. When burned, it produces more carbon dioxide per energy unit, than any other fuel, and thus a major contributor to global warming. It is madness to continue mining and burning coal.

PLEASE! Do the right thing, we have to eliminate the use of fossil fuel and this is a huge step backward.

Murder by methane. Not ok.

Since many rainforests around the world have been decimated it would be wise to keep all the forests that we have in the United States protected.

I am writing in strong opposition to the Forest Service proposal to reopen the

I support protecting the forest and reducing reliance on coal.

This is God awful horrible. You are decimating the area, ruining the water supply for people who need it. Stop this.

We should be expanding newer, cleaner and safer s of energy instead of throwing more money at coal and destroying our valuable environment and wildlife. The only one this action would benefit is the coal company and those politicians and individuals who take money from the coal industry. All else will suffer because of it. Enough is enough.

Please protect our climate and this beautiful forest by  
Please stop wasting valuable time and money on outdated, polluting, disease-causing no-future dirty fossil fuel and invest in clean energy from sun and wind.

The cutting down of huge Forest is changing the weather and landscape in affected areas. I know. I live in an area that the logging goes on and on.

You do immense harm to America and you forsake all responsibility for your agency when you act to facilitate coal mining -- especially when this comes at the cost of the trashing of the national heritage of the American people. Profound damage, profound loss, profound horror is what you are courting. Stop the relentless devastation of climate, habitat, and health that comes with coal mining! The day of coal is OVER. The day of ruthless and irresponsible trashing of the planet by fossil fuel companies must stop now. Please get on the right side of history and help America keep its pledges, made in Paris, to the rest of the world. Coal must stay in the ground! The USFS needs to work FOR America, not for the coal companies!

When our lands were set aside and declared public, no coal company invested a dime. Now, at a enormous cost to taxpayers and future generations of American citizens, one company stands to reap tremendous profits. What do we citizens get in this deal besides loss of our lands, increased dirty air and a challenge to curb global warming. For these and other reasons, I

**WE NEED TO KEEP COAL IN THE GROUND, KEEP TREES ON THE GROUND. WE NEED TO THINK OF FUTURE GENERATIONS ON THIS PLANET, NOT A SMALL NUMBER OF SHAREHOLDERS. PLEASE.**

Save the planet. !!!

You are considering the destruction of public land, and the public needs to preserve its natural environment far more than it needs more coal. Why would the Forest Service even consider this when we need to be moving away from carbon pollution?

This plan is out of step with the critical goal of cutting U.S. carbon emissions so I believe it is shameful to even consider such a proposal.

Yes, this is a letter. However, it accurately conveys my feelings about an Issue or Action that I wish you to be aware of.

No! Leave the coal in the ground. We need the park, not the coal. Don't destroy the environment in mining, transporting, and burning fossil fuels.  
PLEASE PUT THE PUBLIC INTEREST AND THE WORLD'S CLIMATE AHEAD OF \$\$!

After coming off of the climate talks in Paris, the last thing we should be doing is extracting more fossil fuels from the ground. We have to switch to renewable energy now.  
NO, NO NO!!!

This land and the coal belong to the citizens and we want this land protected, and the coal left where it is in the ground! One reason why roadless land is set aside is that once roads are made, they cannot be unmade - forever. There should never have been a coal mining loophole in the Roadless Rule, and use of the loophole should be rejected.

Isn't it about time to tax the fossil fuel companies to pay for the conversion of the economy over to one based on renewable energy? Do it now.  
Please do the right thing and do not allow ARCH Coal into this Colorado Wilderness

Why destroy our precious environment for short term gain?

STOP THE INSANITY!!!  
Keep fossil fuels in the ground! Switch to solar!

We need to keep coal in the ground! Climate change is already putting us at the point of no return. We must keep fossil fuels in the ground!

I'm told that I'm also told that your analysis found that this carbon atmosphere every day. Why exacerbate the damage at a time when we need to be more conscientious of our environmental impacts?

Please reject the coal mining loophole to the Colorado Roadless Rule.

Do the environment a favor and stop Arch Coal from destroying public land.

PLEASE PROTECT OUR CLIMATE ! and THIS BEAUTIFUL FOREST HABITAT ! by It is madness to allow coal mining here!!!!!!!@!  
Anyone whop pays attention knows that coal is filthy and harmful, which is why it's being phased out!

This is insane!

Please stop this I'll considered action before it is too late.

DON'T GO BACKWARDS!!!

This plan goes beyond greed to imperiling the health of our coastlines and all of the non .1% population.

We put environmental, climate changes, the approval of the dark act or allowing non- labeling as my top priorities for the candidates we vote for as we are tired of "54 words getting passed". We don't fear ISIS as much as we fear the actions of our elected representatives.  
It's time we stop pursuing oil and coal and focus on 100% clean energy.

Not only for America, but for the world. just like the space race, which country is gonna accomplish it first.

HAVE YOU LOST MINDS?????????

My FAMILY and I absolutly

FORESTS CLEAN & OXYGENATE  
COAL IS FILTHY & POISONS air & water

Time to leave coal in the ground. No more mining of this unhealthy and unsafe mineral.

Climate change is greatly effected by the emissions goal emits.

Please do the right thing and reject this mining loophole for the good of all citizens of this planet.

Keep the coal in the ground.

The world does not need more coal. If global warming is to be stopped, most of the world's coal reserves must be left in the ground. The Forest Service must balance the public interest against the desire of one company to make more profit. Energy companies do have alternatives to investing in carbon extraction. They can invest in clean energy instead! Everyone wins in the end.

Please save my wilderness and support the Presidents commitment in Paris to stop global warming.

Encouraging coal mining threatens our environment, economy, and public health. 172 million extra tons of coal could release an incredible amount of carbon that would send a negative to the world about the US' commitment to a positive climate future.

The writing is on the wall. Why can you not see it?

Coal is death to the very air we breath. That is a collective 'we' and it includes you and your children.

Our public lands, not just our national parks, are America's greatest treasure.

This is an outrage. Your role is to protect the open public lands under your care, not bow to the short-sighted, selfish poroft-motivated demands of the environmentally filthy demands of Big Coal Private Enterprise!

I strongly oppose the opening and mining of more coal.

It's time to act because its the right thing to do. Wild places need protection for the reason that many wilderness areas all over the world are dwindling. The destruction of these areas also means habitat loss for animals.

There is no reason - or excuse - for replacing trees with coal mines.

In fact, your own analysis found this carbon damage to the world economy and environment. The methane, which is more damaging to our climate than carbon dioxide, directly into our

This plan is out of step with the critical goal of cutting U.S. carbon emissions by 26 percent in ten years as well as the goal of reducing emissions from federal agencies

We must protect what is left of this most valuable resource! It is a matter of public health and safety.

Is 72 miles of road being bulldozed on 30 square miles of roadless forest, degrading habitat for black bear, elk, goshawk, lynx, and cutthroat trout REALLY worth less than a corporations need for higher profit or the politicians getting even MORE money for making another immoral decision? Look up Centralia, PA...this can

happen again anywhere there is a coal mine.

I seriously am so sick of the politicians and people who make the decisions for government agencies who are selling out our country, our citizens and the entire earth for their own personal gain.

STOP with the dirty coal. We want clean energy. We also want to maintain our beautiful wilderness.

What is just is just. What must be done must be done. What is just must be done. What is just and undone shall take its toll from those responsible, through action, or through inaction. So it is. So it was. So it always will be. May it be that you are wise enough to do what is just.

I am a professor of oceanography (since 1981), author of over 180 peer-reviewed articles cited over 20,000 times, and Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

DON'T BE INSANE -

It makes no sense to destroy this pristine wilderness to add more carbon to our environment.

Do you people have CHILDREN?

This plan is out of step with the critical goal of cutting U.S. carbon emissions by 26

Once we bulldoze we can never get this land back.

Roadless means without roads, access. IT IS TIME TO LEAVE COAL IN THE GROUND. THE FOREST SERVICE MUST FIND OTHER WAYS TO MAKE MONEY. THE COAL INDUSTRY DOES NOT PAY WHAT IT SHOULD TO RIP OPEN OUR LANDS. IT WILL RAPE AND GO, LEAVING US TAX DOLLARS TO "CLEAN" UP OR "RESTORE" THE LAND, WHICH CAN NOT BE DONE. ENVIRONMENT MINED IS ENVIRONMENT DESTROYED. OUR FORESTS HELP TAKE CO2 FROM THE AIR. FORESTS HELP PEOPLE IN AND AROUND THEM FEEL LESS STRESSED. COAL MINING CAUSES MAJOR STRESS. SO MUCH MORE I COULD SAY...

This sounds like the most unimaginably damaging proposal the Forest Service could have come up with. And just a few weeks after the Paris climate accord. It's not like we have abundant healthy, road less, forest land. It's value now is priceless.

Please do your TRUE job and protect our climate and this beautiful roadless forest by We are counting on you to do the right thing for the future of our children and our country. This would be a giant step BACKWARD.

We just made commitments to the world at the Paris talks now we need to lead and show that we mean what we said. This is a major step to living up to our word and protecting our future.

GOD IS GREEN !, RESPECT and HONOR his creation and the life upon it. This planet and the life on it, is his gift to us, STOP THE DESTRUCTION of GOD'S HANDY WORK.

IT APPEARS YOU ARE WILLING TO SACRIFICE YOUR OWN CHILDREN FOR PROFITS. IT MUST STAY IN THE GROUND!

STOP THE GREED? IT IS DESTROYING THIS COUNTRY!!

coal mining loophole in the Colorado Roadless Rule, please stop the greed!

I stand with you in your efforts to put an end to this attack on our land for a fistful of dollar (our forests predate the dollar), and to protect our climate and this beautiful roadless forest by

The time for coal-digging has run its course and a moratorium is now long overdue, in my humble estimation. Gentle persons, kindly take note

We are losing too much established forested land as it is. Yes, this is a drop in the bucket compared to the removal of oxygen & moisture producing, carbon sequestering deforestation in South America, but that is all the more reason to avoid exacerbating the problem here at home. Expansion of coal recovery is very short-sighted.

Leave the forests standing.  
I believe your first responsibility is to the preservation of OUR forests - hence the name Forest Service, not coal strip mining service.

Are you guys nuts?!!

Greetings!

coal mining loophole in the Colorado Roadless Rule--especially since America has signed on to the recent Climate Change Paris agreement. Leave that coal in the ground!

Please don't let this happen!

Keep fossil fuel in the ground!

Our forests and park lands are precious. Save them.  
Coal kills. Pollution from coal fired power plants pollutes the air down stream. This is a known and accepted fact.

PLEASE, we cannot continue to wreak havoc in our forests and wild areas to bring more fossil fuels into use on our earth. It is way past the tiomne to stop such foolish and destructive habits.

As greed gets worse we seem to get dumber.

Remember: this world is MY world too!

**ARE YOU CRAZY ??? DID YOU NOT PAY ATTENTION TO THE RECENT CLIMATE TALKS IN PARIS ??? !!  
MINING FOR COAL IS NOT ACCEPTABLE - NOR ARE OTHER FOSSIL FUELS. THIS WOULD BE  
EXTREMELY IRRESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOR. FELLING BEAUTIFUL, LIFE SUPPORTING FORESTS FOR  
COAL IS OUTRIGHT STUPID !!!!!**

If federal taxes were used to purchase this land, I believe that they should be protected for the purpose for which they were purchased. If the coal companies can not get the coal via deep mining and access from land that they own, then no mining should be allowed.

We'll never be able to afford to fix the catastrophic effects of worldwide global warming if we don't start NOW. Tiny short-term energy price drops will lead to our children cursing us all later.

Goddamn it!!! When will this bullshit ever end? When the fuck will this country stop pandering to the coal industry to the absolute detriment to this planet?  
Well, let's begin by getting Bernie into the WH!!

"I'm mad, and I wouldn't take it anymore "

Keep coal in the ground and preserve the wilderness. We have seen what Big Coal does in Kentucky and other parts of Appalachia and want none of it.

This is TAXPAYER land and we want a healthy environment, not a government give away to yet another corporation. Keep our lands as they were intended FOR THE PUBLIC!

If they are going to destroy the forest, at least make them buy the land.

Hell No, Arch Coal!

I live in Pennsylvania and we're trying to make coal and all fossil fuels a thing of the past. I no longer buy power from coal fired power plants--I generate my own power with solar panels on our house.

How can you contemplate destroying so many acres of forests when we are going to need them the most to combat climate change? Let's have some sensible resource management. Coal needs to be a thing of the past and your leadership on this issue needs to start now.

What is wrong with the U.S.

Forest Service that you would even consider this man-made to publically-owned property? It is a travesty!

PROTECT our climate AND this beautiful roadless forest: REJECT THE COAL MINING LOOPHOLE to the Colorado Roadless Rule - 13 BILLIONS DOLLARS OF DAMANGE IS TOTALLY UNACCEPTABLE! It is extremely difficult to believe that the U. S. Forest Service "head honchos" would even entertain this beyond listening and giving a resounding NO WAY.

This plan is dangerously out of step with the Forest Services' mandate of protecting and preserving our natural forests, with their only rationale for doing so is to allow more coal production. This is counter to cutting U.S. carbon emissions by 26

Haven't you heard yet....We must keep the coal in the ground!!! Our whole planet must be 100% fossil- free by 2050 or sooner.

Sometimes, what is on top of the land is more valuable than what is beneath it.....and irreplaceable. With all the horrible forrest fires this year, please do not do this.

We cannot sacrifice our trees and public lands for coal. This makes no sense except to the coal industry!

We, the People, are tired and disgusted that we have to beg in order to get agencies such as yours to do their duty. We, the People, had the lands occupied by the National Parks, forests and waterways set aside and placed under the Federal Government's jurisdiction in order to protect them from commercial exploitation. We, the People, are tired of begging agencies such as yours to do the job we were promised. Stand up and do your duty for We, the People.

This acton will endanger the future as it has in the past.

This has been referred to as taxpayer owned land. It is not tax payer owned, it is citizen owned. All citizens, not just those rich enough to pay taxes!

Roadless Rule. This would be a backwards step for the economy and environment, not to mention our health.

I have solar PV on my roof. The coal industry is in a death spiral. Keep the coal in the ground and go renewable.

SHAME ON ALL WHO SUPPORT MINING ON PUBLIC LANDS.

Public lands belong to every citizen of the United States and the riches found on those lands should NOT be handed over to let one company increase its wealth while the lands belonging to all of us are destroyed. This doesn't even speak to the fact that coal is a dirty fossil fuel that needs to remain in the ground rather than add to the carbon pollution. These beautiful forest need to stay unspoiled to be enjoyed by the visitors to the forest as well as the plants and animals that live there.

I STRONGLY COAL MINING LOOPHOLE IN THE CO ROADLESS RULE.

THIS IS ANOTHER BLATANT OBVIOUS PUSH BY CORPORATE LOBBYING POWER MEANT TO FAVOR THE COAL INDUSTRY AS THEY WRITE THE LOOPHOLES IN THE LAWS FOR THEIR GREEDY SELFISH INTERESTS WITH THE U.S. FOREST SERVICE (SADLY) WILLING TO ALLOW IT TO HAPPEN

THIS PLAN IS DANGEROUSLY OUT OF STEP WITH THE CRITICAL GOAL OF CUTTING U.S. CARBON EMISSIONS BY 26% in ten years as well as the president's goal of reducing emissions from federal agencies of roadless forest, DEGRADING HABITAT for black bear, elk, goshawk, lynx, and cutthroat trout.

Please PROTECT OUR CLIMATE & THIS BEAUTIFUL ROADLESS FOREST BY REJECTING THE COAL MINING LOOPHOLE TO THE COLORADO ROADLESS RULE.

Our roadless forests need to remain that way. We need those forests to stay there for balance on this earth for it to live, breathe, and survive.

I can't believe we still have to fight this: it should be a no-brainer for the Forest Service to reject coal mining in our roadless areas - preserved that way for a purpose - to keep what's left of our wilderness in tact.

It should be easy for you to Say No because President Obama now requires that all projects must pass the climate test - does coal mining in a wilderness area contribute to the advance of climate change? Of course it does.

Allowing Arch Coal to get at another 170 million tons of coal will not only destroy our PRECIOUS wilderness, but will lead to emissions of 486 million tons of carbon, according to Sierra Club (that's right, I trust their research). The existing mine already pumps out ridiculous amounts of emissions - including methane - and now they want to expand it.

Enough of allowing exploiters to drill and mine on public lands - how about at least trying to stop them?

Hello, USFS. You know that word 'forest' in your name? You're supposed to PROTECT those forests, NOT destroy them for money from a corporation whose business is to destroy the environment and our planet. Don't do this. Haven't you heard? Coal is not an efficient fuel, either cost-wise or environmentally. STOP THIS STUPIDITY. We, the taxpayers, who have paid our hard-earned dollars to set aside this gorgeous patch of forested land do NOT wish to see it destroyed to benefit Arch Coal. We are counting on you, USFS, to take your job as protectors of the environment seriously. Show some responsibility in protecting our environment and listen to 'WE THE PEOPLE' These natural places that belong to the PUBLIC should be SAVED. They are NOT replaceable.!

Public Lands need protection, not destruction. All plans to mine for coal in Arch Coal's mine need to be halted.

What is wrong with people? Some things are sacred. We need our trees to protect our air from all the toxins.

We do not need more coal mining, especially not in the beautiful Rocky Mountains.

Don't be short-sighted; at least delay the project so those that will inherit this earth can have a say; there may be no need for coal as an energy source by then as it will be replaced with clean alternatives.

Additionally, with the mothballing of over 200 coal-fired generator plants, our need for coal has been greatly reduced to the point where most coal mining companies are no longer operating. This means the only reason to open more mines is to sell the coal to other countries so that they can pollute our atmosphere and exacerbate global warming.

In the past, mining companies have been given our natural resources essentially for free, ostensibly to develop them for the greater good of Americans, but these companies have exploited and despoiled our environment, then left us with the cleanup bill.

Given that Americans own these coal reserves, it is our prerogative and our duty to keep it in the ground to prevent any more damage to the environment.

Why?

That is not balance!

This is the FOREST SERVICE, right? Not FOREST EXPLOITATION IN TRADE FOR CORPORATE CASH.

I am aggrieved the Forest Service is even considering such a terrible plan. Please reject the coal mining loophole to the Colorado Roadless Rule.

During this time of cheap oil, cheap natural gas, and cheap coal worldwide, the last thing we need to do is increase the volumes of these fossil fuels. If we are going to even attempt to meet the reductions in carbon dioxide emissions in the Paris agreement, we need to start limiting the extraction of fossil fuels at rock bottom prices.

Our national addiction to fossil fuels may well be terminal; however, it does not exempt us from taking responsible action to diminish carbon's toxic impact on the quality of air, water and life in America. The drive for perpetual profit at the cost of sustainable life is should be considered as a crime against humanity by the world court

This is not acceptable.

I don't believe your purpose is to further coal extraction for private companies - your purpose is to manage and protect Americas forests for U.S. taxpayers.

I am a retired scientist trained as a physicist. I read the scientific literature on climate. It is more than obvious that our climate is changing for the worse and we are the cause. Therefore,

We need to PROTECT our lands from profiteers!

**NO MORE COAL MINING! COAL IS DIRTY AND POLLUTING!!!**

After our support of the Paris climate agreement, how can we possibly go ahead with this terrible plan to burn more coal?

As an experienced wildlife watcher, an avid hiker, and an amateur photographer, I have visited the Bald Knob Wilderness Area and Cedar Lake in the Shawnee National Forest (South Illinois), the "Lost Lake Trail" in the

Chugach National Forest (Southcentral Alaska), the Mendenhall Glacier in the Tongass National Forest (Southeast Alaska's 'Inside Passage'), and the Pisgah National Forest (North Carolina). CONTINUING ON, I SUPPORT FOREST PRESERVATION AND CLIMATE PROTECTION BY OPPOSING THE U.S. FOREST SERVICES'S (USFS'S) PROPOSAL TO REOPEN THE COAL MINING LOOPHOLE IN THE 'COLORADO ROADLESS RULE!'

provide access to 172 million tons of coal with the potential to (In fact, the USFS's own analysis found that this carbon environment.) Also, the current mine already releases methane--which is [dioxide] over a 20 year period--directly into our

percent in ten years as well as President Barack Obama's goal of reducing emissions from federal agencies

In conclusion, please protect our planetary climate system and this beautiful roadless forest by REJECTING THE COAL MINING LOOPHOLE TO THE 'COLORADO ROADLESS RULE!'

Your job is to protect the American lands from corporate predators. Shame on anyone who would sell our lands to the highest bidder.

Forrest Service, why am I even writing this letter? You don't even think this is a good idea. This isn't like all the other times I've written letters like this to official bodies who likely do know better but aren't admitting it. You do know better and have publicly stated so. Don't approve this. It benefits no one, it puts a company's right above the people's, it chokes another inkling of life out of the planet, and, again, it benefits no one in the process. Don't do this.

Only stupidity, corruption and greed would allow this...it is 2015 we should be looking forward not backwards at this point we are way behind other wealthy countries in green energy.

What will we leave our grandchildren - if coal burning doesn't destroy their planet???

It's time we stood up to coal miners who want to destroy our natural wildlife.

We don't need another Muhlenburg County!  
Forest SERVICE ... You must be kidding! You are charged with preserving habitat not destroying it!!

If you permit Arch Coal to destroy this area of woodland for the sake of short-term (monetary) gain, the Government should defund and disband the whole organisation since you clearly do not have the environment's best interest at heart!

Once it's gone, there'll be no replanting possible to restore that which will be destroyed.

Have a heart and halt these plans!

All I'm asking, here, is for your office to do the right thing; the ethical thing; the Christian thing. Can you/will you do that?

Please protect our climate and this beautiful road-less forest by rejecting the coal mining loophole to the Colorado Road-less Rule.

In addition, please protect us from reathing in these carbon emissions.

As a part of the federal government, your job is to help people in their quest for well-being, not to facilitate corporations in their quest for profit.

Better yet, LET them stripmine, just charge the \$100,000 per ton.

Insanity. Absolute, unbridled insanity.

Please, please, can't you stop this?!! Greed has gone too far. Pristine landscapes are being ruined forever by needless coal mining. We all know that coal is a major contributor to global warming, as is the burning of coal for fuel. Please STOP this from happening LEAVE IT IN THE GROUND.

Screw the greedy bastards. PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT. DEVELOP NON-FOSSIL, RENEWABLE FUELS.

Tax-payer-owned coal needs to stay in the ground.

release potentially up to 486 million tons of carbon pollution. damages to the world's economy and this would occur IN ADDITION to the methane the into our atmosphere every day. WHAT MAKES YOU THINK THIS IS A GOOD IDEA???? Methane is dioxide. Expanding the mine and building new methane well pads would only

In addition, this loophole would cause the bulldozing and ruin of 30 square miles of forest, We need to work on preserving forests and wildlife, not destroying them.

This idea is complete madness. It's an outrage that the Forest Service is even considering the reauthorization of this loophole. Arch Coal should be ashamed. The Forest Service should be ashamed. Stop this. It's disgusting. I'm disgusted that I even have to sign this petition or think about this - that ideas like this are not stopped dead in their tracks at the first opportunity.

Additionally, this public land should be protected for the public not made available for commercial profit.

I support the Position of the Sierra Club and most climate scientists that fossil fuels, particularly coal, need to stay in the ground. Reducing atmospheric carbon needs to start NOW.

You're kidding, right? Clean coal is an oxymoron and if energy isn't clean it shouldn't be pursued. Coal is DEAD! Leave it in the ground!

STOP ARCH NOW.

Clean Energy, This Ain't!!  
Please keep this Forest clean.

THIS LAND IS OUR LAND. STOP DESTROYING, DEVASTATING, AND POLLUTING.

Reopening the coal mine loophole in the Colorado Roadless Rule is unconscionable. I vehemently oppose it.

This land belongs to the people!

You don't have any right to spoil our natural treasures to extract dirty energy we cannot and must not continue to use. We are simply not that desperate for this short-term destructive thinking that may be politically backed for corporate profit. Fossil fuels and their production do not profit Americans or future generations.

Global warming anyone? Paris? So why expand Arch Coal's mine?

In my own words ... people are nuts to even think to do this! Please do not allow the greed of the coal industry to destroy another big portion of the earth, in search of short term riches! And the harm the additional damage to the atmosphere is beyond socially or morally responsible. Think of the future of planet earth, not short term riches for a few! We must protect our planet and all s of life on it, including humans who cannot see beyond their bank accounts.

I cannot imagine anything that conflicts more directly with the Obama Administration's goals of reducing the Federal government's greenhouse gas emissions by 40% over the next ten years, and reducing America's

greenhouse gas emissions by 26% of that same period, than the Forest Service's proposal to reopen the

The Forest Service's proposal to expand Arch Coal's mine would put 170 million tons of thermal coal on the market, which, if burned, would inject 486 million tons of additional carbon pollution into the atmosphere. The market for this coal is currently so depressed that the coal would be almost given away for free. How could this proposal pass any objective cost-benefit test when the Forest Service's own analysis found that this additional carbon environment?

The worst impact of this proposal is the fugitive methane that it is likely to release. Methane emissions are over 80 times more damaging to the global climate than carbon in the near term. The methane. The oil and gas industry hasn't been able to control fugitive methane emissions from their operations. For example, fugitive methane is estimated to be 9% of the total methane produced by gas wells in the Uinta Basin. What evidence is there that allowing Arch Coal to expand this mine and sink new methane wells in this forest would be any better at controlling fugitive methane emissions?

As a taxpayer who is part owner of this 30 square miles of pristine forest, the last thing I want done with it is to see 72 miles of road being bulldozed through it, destroying its wilderness value, and ruining it as habitat for cutthroat trout, elk, goshawk, lynx, and bear.

180 nations just concluded in Paris this month that there is an urgent need to keep the climate from warming by more than 1.5 degrees Celsius. They agreed that this is necessary to avoid trillions of dollars worth of damage to the earth's natural systems. That, they recognized, can only happen if 2/3 of the earth's fossil fuel reserves remain in the ground and we turn to other sources of energy. If 180 nations agree on this, why is it that the Forest Service didn't get the memo?

There is no greater enemy to the health of our National Forests than the damage to the earth's climate that we are already seeing from the burning of fossil fuels. The mild winters that result are responsible for expanding and intensifying the bark beetle plague that is destroying Colorado's forests. Higher temperatures are already permanently altering weather patterns. This has led to drought throughout the mountain west and expanded the fire season by several months each year. Shouldn't the steward of our National Forests be leading the effort to reign in this threat to our forests, rather than coming up with proposals like this to hasten their doom?

Do not destroy our forest. We have enough pollution already. Big business never cleans up when there is a mess or all the coal is dug out. Does the forest service have the proper inspectors to monitor the public's safety?

You need to stop thinking about giving away our - my - public lands to corporations that ruin the environment and leave the taxpayers holding the bag on clean-up. these corporations take their profits and stash them overseas, so no one in this country gets any benefit but them. And the environment takes decades to recover, if it ever does.

As a Colorado native who values vast expanses of pristine nature, I vehemently support the Colorado Roadless Rule.

Please protect our climate and this beautiful road-less forest by rejecting the coal mining loophole to the Colorado Road-less Rule.

This idea is NUTS! Environment quality trumps removing trees to mine a fossil fuel which poisons all living things, including me!!!

What could possess you to even consider doing this?!

Leave parks alone!

Why are we even thinking about this.

I understand that the historic role of the Forest Service is to manage our forest lands and resources. However, especially in light of this new development, I believe it is time to change the rules.

It's time for us to break our addiction to fossil fuels and let them stay in the ground!

Have a happy holiday and remember we are the defenders of nature. If we don't take the steps to protect her, business interests will destroy her. Will you sit idly by and engage yourself in silent collusion?

\*The fossil industry is threatening habitat for humans too. Trees are the lungs of our planet. Must we all require gas masks before we admit air is an essential element? China is a role model for the consequences of coal dependency.

We do not need more dirty coal or oil. We should be focusing instead on catching up with the rest of the world on solar, wind, water and other alternative energy resources.

Coal is dying as a fuel let's stop this tragic waste of natural resources to support yesterdays pollution!!

This loophole would also pave the way for up to 72 miles of road being bulldozed on 30 square miles of roadless forest, damaging habitat for black bear, elk, goshawk, lynx, and cutthroat trout.

This plan is dangerously out of step with the critical goal of cutting U.S. carbon emissions, as well as the President's goal of reducing emissions from federal agencies by 40 percent.

We have too little to gain from this. Arch Coal will gain but few others.

It would be madness to bulldoze trees in a National FOREST to make way for a coal mine. The word FOREST describes a place that preserves TREES!!

Please, by rejecting the coal mining loophole to the Colorado Roadless Rule!  
Thank you for your time and efforts!

LEAVE IT IN THE GROUND WHERE IT BELONGS  
Reject the Forest Service proposal to reopen the

Most people have absolutely no idea how much fossil fuel is actually going on around them and/or is headed their way already.

Take our Rio Grande Valley part of Texas, which runs along the Rio Grande River from Rio Grande City to South Padre Island.

The most that most people here are aware of is that three LNG export companies are targeting our local Port of

Brownsville. The FERC Public Scoping Meeting was 08-11-2015.

Look at all the other stuff that seems completely off their radar:

Centurion Terminals has just broken ground at our Port with little if any prior public notice and plans to transport 160,000 barrels a day of condensate by rail (Union Pacific) to our Port from the west Texas town of Pecos (rumbling through a number of our local communities. According to the Center for Biological Diversity and Sightline the Commerce Department's Bureau of Industry and Security's dragging its feet on releasing information on how exactly it decided to make exactly what exceptions to our 40 year old oil export embargo). Union Pacific says 550-725 barrels of condensate, crude, or NGLs per rail tank car : <https://www.up.com/customers/chemical/crude/equipment/index.htm>. So 160,000 barrels per day = 220 to 291 rail tank cars per day. See possible routes at <https://www.fra.dot.gov/Page/P0053>

Apparently, Mexico's barging "refined products" to our Port for distribution in northern Mexico.

Shell has started production at its Perdido well somewhere in the Gulf of Mexico east of Matamoros, Mexico, and south of South Padre Island, TX, deeper and pushing the limits harder than BP's disastrous Deepwater Horizon.

TransCanada is scheduled to build a 42" fracked gas pipeline from Eagle Ford down to our Brownsville, TX, to help Mexico triple its imports of US natural gas and help keep US fracking operations in business. From Brownsville, the fracked gas will be pipelined under our Gulf waters to Veracruz, Mexico.

Annova LNG plans to get its natural gas from TransCanada's Nueces-Brownsville pipeline. Rio Grande LNG plans to build its own 42" Rio Bravo pipeline to our Port. Originally, it seemed that four pipelines would be needed for the three LNG companies, but that may have changed due to TransCanada's Nueces-Brownsville pipeline. The City of Brownsville has invoked eminent domain to clear a path for the Brownsville Public Utilities Board to build a pipeline from around Edinburg, across the Arroyo Colorado, to the Tenaska power plant site (see below).

The Brownsville Public Utilities Board was able to get a new Tenaska natural gas power generation plant approved so quietly that the EPA canceled the scheduled public meeting on the project because it got no public comments on the project (which it equated with public approval of the project).

According to Sightline and the Center for Biological Diversity, offshore Gulf fracking operations have been quietly approved by the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, which have refused to disclose the locations and extent of the Gulf fracking they've approved.

A gas well company recently applied for a permit to restart a well it had abandoned in Edinburg but the Edinburg city council said no. A different company sought and got a permit from the McAllen city council to drill a new gas well there.

Not to forget that Mexico's Dec 2013 Energy Revolution, apparently secretly pushed by Hillary Clinton's US State Department, has set things up for the fracking of the Burgos Basin around Reynosa just the other side of the Rio Grande River from us (which promises five to eight times the production capacity of Eagle Ford). BBVA Compass Bank put out a shoddy eight page "economic analysis" in Jan 2014 claiming this could mean a \$1.2 trillion dollar windfall for this part of the Texas-Mexico border (or maybe only 0.8 trillion according to a slide show BBVA put out later the same month).

Does any know about anything else threatening us here in the Rio Grande Valley that's not on this list? I mean besides catastrophic climate change that threatens us all.

Visit [saveRGVfromLNG](#) on Facebook and let us know.

How many other communities across our great nation remain in the about these kinds of things already all around them or heading their way? If we all looked around better and added it ALL together, wouldn't we decide we already had more than we need, more than we want, more than we can live with? Why even consider adding any more?

Once the development proceeds you will never recapture the wildness .

The National Forests belong to the people. You must not allow private individuals or corporations to destroy any part of our Forests.

Please reject the Arch Coal Loophole. I am opposed to reopening the coal mining Loophole in the Colorado Roadless Rule. Opening access to this vast carbon sink is not within the spirit of the recent global climate initiative.

This is just plain stupid. This is our land, too.

Where have you been? We don't need anymore coal. There is already coal in private hands that exceeds ongoing needs for the rest of the century. Don't dig up National Forests to get something we don't need!

ARE ALL OF YOU OUT OF YOUR MINDS! Your name is the Forrest Service, not the Coal Service. THINK what you are attempting to do, then DON'T do it - ever.

I strongly oppose the Forest Service's proposal to reopen the

The role of the Forest Service is to protect the nation's forests, not to allow them to be destroyed. But that's exactly what would happen if the Service allows the expansion of Arch Coal's mine in Colorado. Moreover, this wrong-headed expansion would potentially release up to 486 million tons of carbon pollution, causing - by the Forest Service's own analysis - up to \$13 billion in environment.

This plan directly contradicts the crucial goal of cutting U.S. carbon emissions by 26 percent in ten years, a goal that in itself is barely sufficient to control the dangerous impact of climate change.

Have you viewed this lately:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WmVLcj-XKnM>.

We must preserve the earth for the future!

Remind me what "Roadless" means - it doesn't seem to leave much room for coal transport ROADS, now does it? Oh, and about the billions of dollars in climate change damage that this coal will cause - who's paying for that, exactly? The proposal to revoke the protections of the Roadless Rule is a stupid idea and I am opposed to it.

Thank you for sending me notice of the extension of time for comments on the Colorado Roadless Rule. What is the point of having rules if you open gaping holes in them?

**THIS IS ONE OF THE WORST IDEAS EVER PROPOSED!  
EVERYTHING ABOUT IT WILL HAVE A NEGATIVE EFFECT ON THE PLANET THE PEOPLE AND THE ANIMALS..**

**THIS IS GREED ON STEROIDS AND A SLAP IN THE FACE TO ALL THE COUNTRIES WHO AGREED TO**

REDUCE EMISSIONS.

COAL IS THE PAST. THERE ARE BETTER, HEALTHIER AND CHEAPER ALTERNATIVES ALREADY IN USE AND BEING DISCOVERED.  
SHAME ON YOU AND THE U.S. IF THIS IS APPROVED.

We must not trash our beautiful country to export coal and foul the atmosphere.

We strongly Coal mining in this day and age should be relegated to the trash heap. This 19th century technology is stupid, archaic and dead. Only in the United States would this ugly money hungry type of industry try to live on. No, we stand very strongly against this proposal!

Once the damage is done, it cannot be undone.

We do not inherit the earth from our ancestors, we borrow it from our children. ~Native American Proverb

In fact, how can the Forest Service think of this when we're trying to reduce the burning of coal

This proposal must be denied. The Arch Coal Loophole must be rejected.

Why is this even being considered?

Unacceptable!

Our great nation does not need another coal mine!! As we work to reduce our carbon footprint after the Paris Accord, any forward momentum on a project like this is ridiculous! Opening up a roadless area for this purpose is totally irresponsible!!!

I worked for the Forest Service for 31 years and I'm opposed to the Forest Service proposal to reopen the

We must take steps--starting right now--to keep the coal (and oil) in the ground.

Should Arch Coal's mine be expanded, it would lead in the WRONG direction. Accessing 170 million tons of coal would have the potential to As I understand it, your own analysis found this carbon environment.

The methane--which is far more damaging (86 times more) to our climate than carbon --directly into our exacerbate the damage at a time when we must get serious about stopping the bleeding.

This plan is diametrically opposed to both the critical goal of cutting U.S. carbon emissions by 26 percent in ten years and the president's goal of reducing emissions from federal agencies

NOT ONLY IS THERE THE ISSUE OF CLIMATE; BURNING COAL LEAVES LARGE QUANTITIES OF FLY ASH WHICH MUST BE STORED INDEFINITELY, PERHAPS MORE IMMEDIATELY PERTINENT CAUSES FROM 16,000 TO 44,000 DEATHS A YEAR IN THE US.

The world is moving away from coal because it is a non-renewable resource, because of the resultant pollution from its use and because of the destruction to the mining locations. Please help us keep moving forward to protect our earth.

TELL COAL COMPANY TO INVEST IN ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF ENERGY!! WE NEED TO REDUCE THE AMOUNT OF COAL WE USE!

..DO WE REALLYY NEED TO TELL YOU ...WAKE-UP >>>>>>

According to recent and credible calculations, 80% of known fossil fuels need to be left in the ground if we are to have a chance of not exceeding the internationally recognized 2 degree C. Planetary temperature increase. Most if not all of that 80% should be coal. This is "our" coal and it should be left in the ground!

Keep our Carbon in the ground . Clean air, clean water, clean air, clean land. Protect our Planet. We only have ONE!

Get real! You KNOW that this planet will become extinct if you allow further fossil fuels to burn. OUR PLANET IS BURNING!!!! The Forest Service proposal to reopen the coal mining loophole in the Colorado Roadless Rule is against OUR citizens, and it is your DUTY to not allow it. The days of OUR government playing corrupt whore to greedy, morally bankrupt corporations that destroy our planet and poison us is OVER.

It's pretty clear now that to save our planet, we need to stop burning fossil fuels and limit the release of methane into the atmosphere. Toward those ends, it makes no sense to facilitate further mining of coal on public lands. coal mining loophole in the Colorado Roadless Rule.

There is no way Arch Coal should be allowed access any public lands.

In other words, tell Arch Coal not only "No," but "#&%#!! NO!"

Keep it in the ground, and support the vision of the Paris Agreement.

Given the leadership role the US has just taken in facing up to the realities of climate change, it was shocking to hear that the Forest Service may be considering going around the Colorado Roadless Rule to allow expansion of the Arch Coal mine. Correct me if I'm wrong, but I believe what is OUR coal would end up as hundreds of millions of tons of additional CO2 and great amounts of methane in the atmosphere, at a time when we have challenging goals to reduce carbon pollution. I recognize the short-term pain it will cause to prevent the mining of this coal, but this is not the time to violate our own rules and policies.

Climate change is real. Leave the coal in the ground.

These lands belong to your children and mine, don't allow a coal company to destroy their heritage. Please preserve this precious heritage.

All over America there are ruthless schemes to steal the people's public lands, recreation, natural protected places, and habitats for private profits. Not exactly what Teddy Roosevelt had in mind when he helped start the conservation movement in America.

In our own neighborhood our pro business/development city council has ed an unholy alliance with a shopping center developer to take away our publicly owned waterfront and harbor and turn it into another shopping mall.

Our waterfront. Privatized.

We will fight for our public lands.

This old lady will be in front of the bulldozers if we lose.  
You'll see me run over before they take my waterfront.

Expanding the mine and building new methane well pads would only

First, let me say that the High Country in the Rockies changed my life. The visions of quaking aspen and snow-covered Engelmann spruce gave me the deepest appreciation of Nature in all its glory. I can still smell the snow and spruce-scented air of the Snowy Range west of Laramie, and Rocky Mountain National Park.

I deplore the obscene give-away of publically owned energy sources, residing on public land, to private companies. THIS IS CORPORATE WELFARE. It is insidious, it is evil and it is just plain morally corrupt. We're experiencing Climate Change right now. What part of Now is not understood by the fossil fuel industry, and the those who aide and abet these companies with federal land leases given away for next to nothing.

Arch Coal gets the profits...and we get the poisons, the pollution, the death of ecosystems, the increase in CO2 levels, and the heartache. We also get very angry.

Keep forests for public use, not leased for commercial gain.

It is crazy to consider granting new coal leases at a time when fossil fuel company existing reserves already are five times greater than the amount of fossil fuels which when burned will cause a 2 degree Centigrade rise in average global temperature. Scientists tell us that we must limit the increase in temperature to 2 degrees Centigrade (or less) to avoid the most drastic effects of climate change.

This plan is dangerously out of step with the recent climate talks in Paris. And represents callous apathy towards our planet; in favor of "business as usual". Greedy, foolish and unacceptable. NO NO NO!!!

We need to keep existing trees alive, and plant millions more. The desertification of Earth must stop--- all living beings on Earth the extraordinary beauty and life-enhancing qualities of great stretches of forests. Just look at the coal powered plant near here to see the piles of coal , turning a beautiful coastline into an environmental disaster. To allow coal mining and the destruction it causes into our national forests is wrong on all fronts, and since it is ecologically destructive, it is financially destructive on every level of our society. Nature sequestered coal in her infinite 'technological' wisdom. Let's be smart and keep it in the ground!

We are looking at a China situation.

On the one hand we are all working so hard to arrest climate change. And you are planning to cut down trees to mine coal. It makes no sense.

If this plan is allowed to go ahead our only world will be plunged even deeper into the crisis of climate change. We cannot afford to let this happen.

Once this habitat is gone so are the valuable creatures that once lived here, and they will never be able to come back.

This coal must be left in the ground, where it cannot cause pollution, and it must never be mined. Please, no mining in roadless areas. It's dirty, destructive and dangerous.

Please do not allow coal extraction in roadless wilderness. Coal extraction will create a non-wilderness area, and will contribute to global warming. Leave the coal in the ground and the trees intact to help mitigate climate change.

I'm sick and tired of GOP CAPITALISM GREED. Corp.s are destroying everything in the name of money. It must stop here.

It's incredible that this even has to be said!

Let's get real here - Colorado has some of the best Sunny days of all the states; let's use this Energy instead of knocking down trees and digging holes in the ground to get out Coal or Oil.

The proposal by the Forest Service to reopen the coal mining loophole in the Colorado Roadless Rule is a step in the totally wrong direction.

environment. So, why did you ever make this proposal in the first place?

Expanding the mine and building new methane well pads would only exacerbate the damage at a time when we need to headed in the clean future direction.

What in the world are you thinking in even considering this devastation of nature?

Leave it in the ground and leave the trees standing!

In addition to the serious environmental harm of building roads and mines in the regions, only projects with no impact on emissions should be approved, per the President's stated objectives.

Your analysts have shown opening access could cause up to \$13 billion in environment. The existing mine should be shut down unless it starts capturing the methane it currently releases, not expanded.

It is also out of step with the spirit of the recent Paris accords on the environment and the prevention of global warming.

From a roadless forest to 170 million tons of coal?

NO!

Please do NOT allow this to happen.

I have seen strip coal mines and mountain top mines and I do not want to see them on public lands.

Please reject the coal mining loophole to the Colorado Roadless Rule.

I am tired of resource extracting corporations running rough-shod over public lands and the people that own them; me.

Please protect national forests which belong to the people.

Keep it in the ground!!

Even considering this clearly represents a breach of the trust I as an American citizen put in you as an agency contracted to protect our, my, lands. Any further exploitation of these resources that have been shown to have real and clear alternatives is thoroughly unjustified; and must be ended.

Reject the proposed mine site in CO. The longer we take to make wind and solar main stream the more time we wasted in learning how to make solar and wind a enough. Educate homeowners on how to make the best use of electricity. We have one planet. It's time to start taking care of it in practice full time, instead of posturing like we are.

Keep it in the ground!

No more dirty coal!!!!

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH!!!!

We need more coal burning like we need more holes in our head. It's December, and Florida is 20 degrees above normal. I don't really give a shit because I'm 85 and childless. It's your kids and grandkids that your condemning to an unlivable world.

Keep our coal where it lives, in the ground!

I urge you to abandon that notion now and forever! The last thing we need is more pollution from burning coal, and sacrificing trees in the bargain would be unforgivable.

Are you crazy? I nominate you to be the canary.

In November, the Keshe Foundation distributed their free Plasma Energy Devices to the ambassadors of every nation who attended their demonstration and signed the Foundation's Path to Peace agreement. The Foundation is committed to assist anyone who cannot afford the purchase price; and, so no one can stop free energy, they have released Free Plasma Energy blueprints on-line. All of this can be verified at [www.keshefoundation.org](http://www.keshefoundation.org).

Over the next several months the world will convert from fossil fuel to free Plasma Energy. This process is inevitable. The coal industry is dead, but doesn't yet know it. They are fighting to survive in a world that will soon no longer need fossil fuel.

As long as our corporate-owned politicians blindly continue the agenda of planetary destruction mandated by the energy industry, and until fossil fuel use collapses, we the people have the responsibility to protect the natural beauty which is our heritage.

To reopen the coal mining loophole would be a travesty.

All of these consequences are unconscionable, especially considering the inevitable proliferation of Free Plasma Energy and the consequent demise of the coal mining industry.

You have no right to steal our public resources for your personal gain through accepting corporate bribery. We are the rightful owners of public lands, not you. You only work for us, not coal barons, and we

Have you gone rabid with greed? Are you crazed with avarice? You live on this planet, too, fool.

This plan is so outrageous, I can't imagine you are even considering it! Millions of tons of carbon and methane will be released into the environment at a time when we are at the tipping point of severe climate disruption. By expanding the mine, Arch Coal will make money while the public pays the price in increased pollution.

In addition, by expanding the mine, 30 square miles of roadless forest providing wildlife habitat will be destroyed. Again, all for the profit of the coal company while our public lands are degraded.

I strongly urge you to reject the coal mining loophole to the Colorado Roadless Rule and protect all Americans by not contributing to climate disruption and the destruction of our roadless forests.

You have no right to steal our public resources for your personal gain through accepting corporate bribery. We are the rightful owners of public lands, not you.

Have you gone rabid with greed? Are you crazed with avarice? You live on this planet, too, fool.

The Forest Service's proposal to reopen the coal mining loophole in the Colorado Roadless Rule is

psychopathically insane ? one step closer to destroying life on earth ? mass suicide. Wake up Forest Service, this is not a dream!

Coal companies need to get the memo: it used to be acceptable, normal, and even meaningful to mine coal. Coal used to give us electricity after all.

And coal power deserves a respected place in the history books for its role in powering the previous century.

That being said, coal has no place in a modern society. We know about global warming. We know about the health risks. We have wind turbines, solar panels, and grid scale batteries. Time to pack up and head home. Coal plants are in the wrong century now.

NO more coal, period!

We will have 70degrees for Xmas 2015! in New Jersey this is due to pollution! Save people, Save the Earth!

The use of coal fuel is an archaic and dangerous holdover from the past - where it belongs.

It's already understood that to limit the growing climate change disaster to tolerable levels we must permanently leave 80% of all know fossil fuels in the ground, forever unexploited. What better place to start than in our own National Forests? There is no better place to start.

It would be folly for the Forest Service to reopen the Especially at this time, when the world has finally begun to understand what it will take to avoid a truly perilous level of climate change, such a loophole would be marching in entirely the wrong direction, as well as sending the wrong to the rest of the world about the seriousness of our intentions.

Please take the right and ethical action: protect our climate and this beautiful roadless forest by Keep it in the Ground! No new coal mines! Protect wild area!

Coal is a dirty, old fashioned, pollutant of our air, land and water. PLEASE upgrade yourselves and use CLEAN ENERGY! Leave the coal in the ground where it belongs (less asthma, sink holes and animals' environmental destruction too)!

The forest is for the trees not the coal. We need to do as much as possible to ensure trees are left standing and coal is left in the ground.

This plan does not stand up to common sense, nor does it meet the desires of the populous.

Let's keep the coal where it is.

I live in an area where coal barons were once king and the working folks died of black-lung disease and where poverty and lack of education were rampant. It is time to recognize that coal is a dying (in more ways than one!) industry. We have mined out all of the "good" coal and just have high sulfur, highly polluting coal left.

I believe the US Forest Service should be PROTECTING forests and providing citizens with opportunities to enjoy unspoiled wilderness. (I have backpacked in the Rockies many times and greatly enjoy roadless

wilderness areas.) The Forest Service should not be in the business of destroying the climate for some corporation's profit.

How can anyone in his or her right mind even CONSIDER advancing coal mining? Is nobody taking COP.21 seriously?

We do not need any more coal produced at the expense of our fragile environment.

Why in God's name would you be cutting down trees to mine coal. were you asleep for the climate summit? Seriously, people get on board.

Coal is on its way out. We don't need to start more mining.

Keep It In The Ground!

Yes even China is rethinking burning coal.

My family and Roadless Rule. Is it not much better to use the money to invest in alternative energy resources? Please, let us protect what's left of our pristine environment for the future of our families!

We can move to solar and wind in this environment and preserve its benefits for our children's children...

Why do corporations and elected officials keep making decisions and laws that move us toward a polluted environment like that of China, India, and other heavily polluted countries?  
?Plans to protect air and water, wilderness and wildlife are in fact plans to protect man.? - Stewart Udall

Let's save our planet.

My husband and I, and our families, VERY STRONGLY

Such retrograde policy as even to be thinking about encouraging more filthy coal production, on the part of the Forest Service & many other regulatory agencies, is a HUGE driver of the continued destruction of our climate, and the rest of our environment!!

COAL, along with the disgusting tar sands crude, comprise the DIRTIEST POSSIBLE FUELS, & in the face of the historic Paris Accords, it is INEXPLICABLE how the Forest Service and be considering opening more of OUR Public Lands to the production of climate-killing coal!

You and the rest of our Government MUST ACT NOW to stop this insanity of digging, drilling, and burning more & more toxic fossil fuels. You MUST PROTECT our climate and this beautiful roadless forest, & the best interests of the PEOPLE of this country, by PERMANENTLY REJECTING the coal mining loophole to the Colorado Roadless Rule!!!!!!

Our national forests are far more important than coal, which is a limited resource and unnecessary when we've made such advances in solar and wind power.

1) If we were to burn all the available coal that's in the ground it would spell disaster for humanity and the natural world. We need to leave that coal where it is!

2) To destroy the natural beauty of this area is an additional reason not to develop this area for more roads and

coal extraction.

As a Colorado resident and now a Colorado tourist, I have always appreciated the benefits of the Colorado Roadless Rule. Especially as coal becomes less desirable as a fossil fuel due to cost and its inefficiency as a power generating fuel,

Reject the coal mining loophole.

It's bad enough that we have topped mountains in the Appalachians. Do we have to do this as well? All to get more dirty coal out of the ground? If it is available to be used, it will be and we can't go on like this, sending more and more pollution into the air.

Roadless Rule. You must NOT allow Arch Coal to bulldoze through thousands of acres of publicly-owned roadless forest so they can mine millions of tons of taxpayer-owned coal!

According to your own analysis, the resulting carbon environment. AND Arch Coal's damaging atmosphere EVERY DAY.

NO, NO, NO MORE COAL, FRACKING OR OIL. DO U HEAR OUR WORDS??? WE WANT CLEAN WIND AND SOLAR.

STOP ALLOWING OUR PLANET AND OUR HEALTH TO BE RUINED.

Roadless means roadless; coal is killing the planet (this includes YOUR grandchildren! have you heard of the recent worldwide conference to reduce global warming/ did you know the oceans ARE noticeably warmer? Is it possible you are taking bribes from the coal companies???? I sure hope not!

I'm a meteorologist with two degrees in atmospheric science. The great majority of the most qualified scientists in my field of study believe human-caused greenhouse gas emissions--much of which come from burning dirty fossil fuels like coal--are responsible for a dangerous global warming and that urgent action to reduce these emissions is necessary to avoid the worst impacts.

Stop the demolition of wild spaces for profit leaving the long term consequences for our children to deal with.

Common people, I am a retired forester. What the hell are you doing?

By permitting the mine expansion and building new methane your agency is exacerbate the damage to Greenland, etc. ice fields.

Coal burning is an antique technology that must be stopped. It is time to shut down all coal mines.

Please don't let this happen!

Further coal mining is simply the height of insane folly in light of the scientific reality of global warming!

I respectfully demand that you do your damn jobs for once and protect our climate and this beautiful roadless forest by rejecting the coal mining loophole to the Colorado Roadless Rule! Enough is enough! Our children and grandchildren will pay the price if you continue to pander to the fossil fuel corporations, and we will live to see the consequences of your actions if you do not stop this insanity!

Even if forests are opened to coal -- which they should not be for reasons cited above -- the U.S. must move toward a policy of zero pollution externalities in its economy, with any resource developed on public land subject to zero externalities policy now. Any approval of development on public land must be conditioned on pre-authorization plan from the prospective developer that shows cradle-to-grave zero emissions/pollution impact (or includes payment schedules to offset the impact costs).

Starting with industrial polluters whose massive human health impacts have been carefully measured by EPA for decades since passage of the Clean Air Act. If public-owned fossils or other resources are opened to development, the mining, processing/refining, and end-use of the coal or other natural resource must all meet strict zero-externality standards that must become a part of the entire economy as a whole without regard to origination on public or private land. Although, ultimately, zero externalities should be achieved by realizing zero pollution conditions, we can wind out the first half of the 21st Century by scaling down pollution and achieving zero pollution externality in the economy by assessing human health and ecological system impact fees on pollution sources in mining and processing/refinery.

Hello, It is time to keep the coal in the ground and stop screwing up what Nature has built. Just stop and say no to the coal and yes to the clean energy that already exists.

give them access to 170 million tons of coal, with the potential to environment. methane--which is dioxide over a 20-year period--directly into our exacerbate the damage, at a time when we, and the world, can least afford it.

This loophole would also set the stage for the bulldozing of up to 72 miles of road on 30 square miles. This would amount to an attack on the planet's climate on two fronts: releasing millions of tons of carbon dioxide and methane on the one hand and destroying the trees that absorb CO2 on the other. The timing of this proposal, so soon after the Paris climate agreement, makes no sense at all.

Public lands belong to everyone, not greedy corporations! Keep Arch Coal off my land!!

Just HOW would mining MORE coal help the US meet agreements made in Paris?????

I urge you to Please do the right thing for the environment, public health and wildlife.

DON'T BE DIGGIN ANY HOLES ON MY PROPERTY

Your analysis found that carbon pollution would cause \$13 billion in environment. The mine already releases methane daily - - directly into our atmosphere. Expanding the mine and building new methane well pads is a really stupid idea.

This plan ignores the goal of cutting U.S. carbon emissions by 26% in 10 years plus the president's goal of reducing emissions from federal agencies by 40% in the same time period.

COAL IS A THREAT TO THE HEALTH OF THE LIVING THINGS ON THE PLANET. OUR PUBLIC LANDS SHOULD NOT CONTRIBUTE TO THIS THREAT.

The fossil fuels were a great stop-gap measure - to use while we discovered and perfected other means of producing power with sun and wind, which will never run out, do no need to be mined, and will not pollute the air and water sources that are so vital to life. It is time now to leave what is left in the ground. Continuing to remove coal and oil is tantamount to removing a person's blood and bones -- the body will collapse and die -- and so could our Mother Earth -- and we don't have another!

Don't take the wrong direction!

Please protect these lands from becoming as sick & dangerous as all other areas with massively polluting coalmines that spew methane gas into the environment. It is dangerous, causes horrible pollution of mined areas. Now we are facing more degradation of beautiful & CLEAN land & air.

California has a leaking gas line, pouring huge amounts of sickening methane gas into their environment, causing multiple health problems for those who couldn't stay away.

Please end this attempt to dig more, coal, one of the worst polluter's on this planet. China is experiencing the worst pollution ever & it is 100% caused by burning COAL. It is now the RED stage, where people are told to stay home, school's, businesses & everything else are closed. The air is UNBREATHABLE. And where does all the pollution go??? Here, & everywhere else ALL OVER THE WORLD. We do NOT need any more coal &/or methane gas leaks ANYWHERE on this planet.....

Please protect us from what China has done & protect our air & land from this threat of unneeded destruction of land, air & water. Leave the coal where it is & opt out for CLEAN power options, solar, air &/or hydraulic, that will not pollute the areas where people, tree's, plants, & wildlife live.

Pandering to the logging companies that clear cut the forests destroying the habitat of the animals that once thrived there and the beauty of the environment is bad enough but allowing strip mining that will pollute and destroy for years if ever, the capacity of nature to recover from the damage is unconceivable. Our few remaining wild places must be protected, not sacrificed to greed and political corruption.

When are we going to take the protection items of our health above the wreath of the coreporations

Do not allow this.

Arch Coal's further mining activities in this area may profit Arch Coal, but their activities from this reopened loophole are unnecessary, and will pose a very serious hazard to public lands that is unacceptable.

Humans are called to be compassionate caregivers, protectors and stewards of the planet and its beings. Helping not harming.

Keep dirty fuels in the ground. The climate already has been severely damaged. Give energy companies incentives to invest in clean energy.

Remember your name: Forest Service. You're supposed to be serving the forest. No way does coal mining ever in any way serve a forest.

I violently King Coal is dead. Why are we supporting a life-threatening fossil fuel at the expense of our environment?

Please " U.S.Forest Service " Protect Our Forests " & " Reject The Arch Coal Loophole " ! Please Keep The 170 Million Tons Of Taxpayer-Owned Coal In The Ground Where It Belongs !

At some point in the not too distant future, mining coal and burning it in the 21st century shall be regarded as the stupidist and most serious mistake of mankind. It could be justified in the 19th and early 20th centuries, when several alternatives had not been fully developed or realized, but now, it is leading us on a sure path of climate destruction and possibly the eventual end of homo sapiens on this planet. Dinosaurs lasted for over 60 million years, but the species homo sapiens now is surely dated to have existed for only 500 thousand years [other homo species existed prior to that for probably 1 or 2 million years

Our forests are precious and belong to all citizens, NOT Arch Coal!!!  
coal mining loophole in the Colorado Roadless Rule because (1) we have enough coal, (2) we are transitioning to non-fossil-fuel energy sources, (3) of the resulting immense carbon pollution and (4) additional methane pollution, and (4) the resulting 72 miles of road construction. Encourage the company to invest instead in solar,

wind and the like.

Expanding Arch Coal's mine is the height of irresponsibility.

Loopholes need to be kept closed. In this case, allowing the coal to be mined will destroy the area, reduce the habitat for several species and further pollute our earth.

The Forest Service must act for the benefit of the environment and all Americans and reject any plans for profit from environmental degradation.

Let's leave our coal in the ground whenever possible, for future generations to use if we can by then do so without adding to global warming.

Also, this is taxpayer-owned coal, there is no reason we should subsidize its extraction for private profit. No reason at all.

This plan does not represent what our energy future should be. Keep this coal in the ground where it belongs, and protect our forests and their wildlife.

coal mining loophole in the Colorado Roadless Rule AND WONDER WHAT YOU CAN POSSIBLY BE THINKING, YOU WHO ARE SUPPOSED TO BE PROTECTING OUR FORESTS, NOT RUINING THEM AND THE CLIMATE ALONG WITH THEM. I THINK YOU ARE THINKING "LOBBYING MONEY."

With so many existing coal mines being shut down or scaled back, it would be illogical to proceed with planning for new mines. To protect the planet, not only should we focus on scaling back the existing coal mines (in favor of less polluting energy alternative), we certainly should not be constructing new ones in environmentally sensitive areas.

Please reject the coal mining loophole to the Colorado Roadless Rule.

Coal use is a major cause of the horrible climate change we are now seeing world wide. It is time to stand up for the future of our children and indeed the future of our planet. Please do not stand with those who would choose profit over the future of our earth and don't underestimate the severity of the crossroad at which we now find ourselves.

I URGE you to reject the coal mining loophole to the Colorado Roadless Rule. .

Please stop raping our public lands for private interest.

We have to stop the use of coal everywhere on Earth! Not only is it unhealthy, it is practically obscene to gut our planet for fuel that none of us really needs. We should be concentrating on and working toward to use of solar and wind powers. And who are we to say that humans should come before those creatures that call the forests, wild rivers, etc. home? The only 'say' any of us should have is "No, we will not destroy Earth and those creatures for whom the natural world is home.

You cannot allow the destruction of the environment and per your mission to protect the natural resources of the USA for the benefit of the American public.

I don't understand why anyone would want to allow destruction to our wonderful forests. . .We need wilderness/forests to renew our peace and serenity. Heaven knows we need it these days. Surely money isn't the best end result. Some things money can't buy and trees destroyed can't be "fixed".

We must get serious about climate change. We can no longer kick the can down the road.

I and my fellow Americans do not want any more coal! Climate crushing coal needs to remain in the ground. To add insult to injury, opening up this roadless wilderness to a coal mine will damage to the environment and habitat for many of our endangered native animals.

STOP STOP STOP !

It's our forest and we have a wild legacy to protect!  
NO to destroying forests! Move to the future without coal!  
I am writing to express my strong opposition to the Forest Service proposal to reopen the

How can we meet our Paris commitment to reduce CO2 emissions if we allow this massive coal mining?  
As someone concerned about America's natural resources,

Commodity prices including oil, gas, coal, metal, and FOOD are collapsing and are now too low to sustain production. Bankruptcies include:

Patriot Coal  
Walter Energy  
Alpha Natural Resources  
Zynergy

And, Arch Coal is on the verge of bankruptcy

Coal industry stock prices are down 89% since 2001 despite the fact that coal is as essential to this economy as oil, and the coal industry does not have the political advocacy groups behind it the way the oil industry does. Furthermore, the collapse in coal prices will have a terrible effect on the electricity industry when the coal companies they have contracts with go bankrupt.

Our Earth is in your hands!

Reportedly, the existing mine releases methane atmosphere every day. Please tell Arch Coal that it is irresponsible to seek an expansion of their mining operation before first developing a means to capture and utilize this wasted resource. Utilizing the wasted methane would both increase their profits and save thousands of acres of roadless forest.

It is utterly terrifying that the Forest Service would even think of such a thing. Its role is to act as a public servant and PROTECT our national forests.

It is shocking how brazenly retrograde this U.S. Forest Service proposal is. The plan is dangerously out of step with the critical goal of cutting U.S. carbon emissions by 26%. Of all major energy sources, coal is the dirtiest. For decades, we have been regaled with the teaser that "clean coal technologies" were just around the corner. This is the Lucy-holding-the-football-for-Charlie-Brown scenario on STEROIDS!

I grew up on the National Forests in Utah and California and I believe roadless areas are a precious gift we need to pass along to future generations. And I agree with millions of Americans that coal needs to stay in the

ground to prevent world-changing climate pollution.

Since the Federal Government does not legally own this land or any other outside of the District of Columbia this is not a decision you should make.

I consider climate change the biggest threat to humanity and wildlife that we face. WE MUST LEAVE THE COAL IN THE GROUND. There is no point in destroying more wilderness to mine coal we should not burn.

I am a real person using this at to convey my urgent wishes!

This is hugely important. Once you make a mistake this big, it will take our grandchildren and great-grandchildren years to work with Nature to undo the devastation you are planning to do. This is about as selfish as you can get.

Enough is enough! Not just in Colorado but everywhere! You don't need to be told, YET AGAIN, the reasons for this to stop. Stop wasting our time and STOP POISONING OUR COUNTRY!

Stop the ecologically disastrous slide into planetary suicide.  
NO! Just plain NO!! You are Tree Police... NOT Minerals Police!!

Reject the coal mining loophole to the Colorado Roadless Rule.

What can you be thinking to even consider this? A a part owner of public lands I want it left alone. Opening up new coal, destroying forest habitat in the process, is EXACTLY the wrong thing to do now. Are you not paying attention? It's a new day. Solar, wind and conservation have ascended to their long overdue place in global energy production. Does the Paris Agreement mean NOTHING to you? Leave the coal in the ground. We don't need it. And we damned sure can't afford the consequences of its usage.

provide access to 170 million tons of

This short term interest is not We The People's short or long term interest, you know it. DO the RIGHT thing!

Listen to the President - stop dirty fuels, and stop bankrupt corporations from making a profit by destroying our lands!

Despite the fact that the numbers don't add up, it is the wrong thing to do for the health and future of our nation and the world.

What I would really like to know is which politician is being paid off!

A loss America can't afford!

Coal mining in this geographic area is clearly the wrong thing to do.

Keep it in the ground and stop f... up our national treasures through mining.

This proposed project is out of sync with the economic and environmental state of affairs in the US and globally.

Coal is not the answer for future energy production. Why the forest service would be considering such a move as indicated in the in ation provided is mind boggling.

Please, be the stewards of the land that we expect from the US Forest Service.

Have you forgotten we are living now during the Sixth Mass Extinction? Do not enable their destruction of all species. I repeat: do not enable psychopaths to destroy the Earth for their profits. Psychopaths have no conscience, experience no remorse when thousands of animals die, and have no ability to empathize. Do not support their endeavors. Clean air, clean water, and clean soils are infinitely more valuable to all species than pieces of paper (profit).

I have written before. This special case is a bad idea. Not sure if this is the same "roadless" area, but you can count me and many people I know who will not write as OPPOSED. Coal mining is not a good reason to build a road through any "roadless" area.

I would prefer we left coal in the ground, but understand that is unlikely. With coal extraction and coal burning I would want to see sequestering emissions be done. To do otherwise appears irresponsible. Acting responsibly costs extra. Business as usual.

While coal extraction remains a focus extraction will continue to put wild lands and life at risk. I am not in favor of building roads through a proclaimed "roadless area" to accommodate coal mining. I think there should be no exception. It seems that changing the boundaries is a work-around. Not surprising given the pressure that governmental organizations experience.

Environmental impact studies should be exhaustive and conclusive. Any study can miss something critically important. My hope is that the land and wildlife get respect deserved.

? The SDEIS details the environmental, social and economic impacts of three alternatives.

? All alternatives include the boundary corrections of the Colorado Roadless Areas.

I am not sure why this study is being undertaken by the Department of Agriculture but there are many things I do not understand regarding government and how it interacts with business, who benefits and who loses.

My comments may have no affect on how this effort progresses. I can only say that "environment" should not be slighted and that monetary profit is most likely going to a few well placed individuals.

Wilderness is rare. Please do not corrupt the ideal.

This action of making it possible to open a new coal mine in a roadless area is beyond belief in this day and age. I thought we are trying to move to non-fossil fuel sources of energy. Now I hear about destroying thousands of acres of forest, which aids in cleaning OUR air and water, in favor of opening a coal mine which will dump tons of pollution into OUR air and water. Where is the logic in this???

Do NOT allow this "loophole" to pollute our planet! Why are we trying to clean it up ? I think for OUR planet's future livability and diversity ! Our great grandchildren will ask us , what did you do in this fight ? Do the right thing, not for the moment and immediate profits, but for the long view, the future.

#### KEEP IT IN THE GROUND

Our public land is not for sale. You have been in-trusted to protect our natural resource treasures, not sell them to the highest corporate bidder.

If from this moment onward we never mined a single piece of coal, the world would unquestionably be a better place.

Just let me mention up front, I don't support everything The Sierra Club gets involved in. However, in this instance, I agree with them and am opposed to the Forest Service proposal to reopen the I understand the perspective of increased jobs and wages this could bring but those things are fleeting and of no real permanent consequence. The environmental impact of this mining and subsequent consumption of the resources, however, are long-term and permanent detriments to our already compromised, toxic environment.

The company is bankrupt..... as will other oil and gas companies will follow due the excessive amount of drilling over the last few years and the drastic drop in oil prices.....

The only way to save the planet is to keep fossil fuels in the ground.

Utah has some of the worst air in the country, we need Clean Energy!

Please close the coal-mining loophole to the Colorado Roadless Rule. The Colorado Rockies are world-class in their beauty and deserve to be preserved in perpetuity. It is time to build a better future.

As usual with the Forest Service as with all other Federal Agencies, Big Bucks wins. The Powder River Basin contains hundreds of years of coal and there is no need to exploit this deposit. It is interesting to note that the Forest Service has more highway engineers on the payroll than any other agency. How about letting them rest and not destroying MORE streams and trees and bears and deer and fish, etc?

We're trying to save the planet!!!!!!You're working against us with MY TAX \$\$\$\$\$

ARE YOU OR ARE YOU NOT WORKING WITH THE GOVERNMENT AND THE PUBLIC TO MOVE AWAY FROM FOSSIL FUELS? YOUR ACTIONS IN CONSIDERING ARCH COAL TO MINE MORE THAN 170 TONS OF COAL WOULD IMPLY OTHERWISE. YOU SERIOUSLY NEED TO GET ON BOARD, ALONG WITH REMEMBERING THESE PUBLIC FORESTS ARE JUST THAT, PUBLIC, OWNED BY THE PEOPLE OF THIS COUNTRY AND THE PEOPLE DO NOT WANT THIS, PERIOD!

President Obama just finished saying in his State of the Union Address "we've got to accelerate the transition away from old, dirtier energy sources. Rather than subsidize the past, we should invest in the future." Arch Coal has just declared bankruptcy. and you're going to allow Arch Coal to bulldoze thousands of acres of pristine, roadless, public land to 172 million tons of coal?

And I suspect the lease price is in essence a gift at taxpayers expense to the fossil fuel industry. It is insanity to be subsidizing big coal at the expense of the environment and planetary health.

I keep hearing that this administration is in favor of protecting the environment, then I hear the Forest service is giving away forests for coal. Are you guys crazy. You want to cut down trees to extract the dirtiest fuel on the planet? You, in leadership, should be in jail. How much are you getting from the coal industry? Your children, as well as ours, will suffer the consequences of your action Wake the fuck up.

Leave the coal in its natural habitat, beneath the ground.

Arch Coal is bankrupt. They should not be allowed to start any new development until they can prove they won't abandon the project and leave it desolate.

Coal is on the way out. The stock market knows it, the President knows it, and you should too. How can you even think of reopening Arch Coal's mining access.

This is bald-faced exploitation at its worst.

The president has spoken often and passionately against the effects of climate change and this flies in the face of that agenda.

At a time when the president has advocated electing another democrat to the White House in the coming election, an action such as this would only serve to undermine public confidence in Democratic leadership and its ability to follow its own initiatives. Bending over backwards for corporate profits is not a good optic, either for the administration, the next administration, or especially for the Forest Service.

Whatever Mr. Obama says, believe the opposite.

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM THE MINING INDUSTRY... BOOM AND BUST and devastation

Insane. The bankruptcy proves it.  
I have a degree in FORESTRY from the University of Maine, and Roadless Rule.

As a taxpayer-owner, I want my share of the coal to remain in the ground where it belongs. Please do not prioritize corporate profits over our climate, the environment and all who inhabit it, and this beautiful intact (i.e., roadless) forest! Please reject the coal mining loophole to the Colorado Roadless Rule. In light of the current methane leak in California how can you consider this proposal to reopen the And knowing what coal mines have done to the Appalachians do you really want to ruin the Rockies?

Please do not allow mining in this area.

STOP THIS FOOLISH PLAN.

Destroying the beauty of Colorado for short-term private financial gain and an increased global warming is not the way to go.

What are you thinking!?

This is a horrible idea and should not go forward - it needs to stop now!

ARCH is already bankrupt so you KNOW there will be no site restoration once they are done.

You are more than fully aware of all the facts and given we are at a critical tipping point, New areas for coal mining should not be allowed. The Forest Service should preserve forests. The Forest Service should follow the guidance of its Chief Executive Officer, President Obama. We need to move away from dirty and destructive energy sources. There should be no expansion of exploration for coal.

KEEP IT IN THE GROUND!

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DON'T DO IT!

IT'S EASIER ... AND COSTS LESS ... TO PREVENT DISASTERS THAN IT IS TO FIX THEM LATER ...IF THEY ARE FIXABLE AT ALL.

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS THE FOREST SERVICE THINKING? I HAVE BEEN AT CLEAR CUT SITES THAT LOOK LIKE A BOMB HAS BEEN DETONATED. IT IS PAST TIME TO STOP PROJECTS LIKE THIS! NO! NO! NO!

I vehemently coal mining loophole in the Colorado Roadless Rule!

NO WAY -- this is pure unadulterated poisoning and destruction of OUR LAND --- NOOOO !!

We need to be phasing out filthy coal mining, not expanding it! Coal is the biggest source of global pollution and there is no need for more filthy polluting coal which poisons water and air.

Double shame on you. You want to destroy beautiful forest land; you want to add more coal based carbon into the air. Shame! Shame!

It is not the job of the Forest Service to save Arch Coal from bankruptcy.

No More Unnecessary Coal Mines!!

I have made comments on this project through other conservation groups my name should be all over your files and I will keep on signing this until it is rejected. I do volunteer work for the Forest Service and have been supportive of them but this may change my mind if they green light this dirty project. Remember these are our public lands

Are you serving the forest or simply serving UP the forest?

First of all, Arch Coal filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy.

Our grandchildren and their progeny have rights to a livable climate. We may no longer continue to burn fossil fuels with impunity.

What part of FOREST Service do you not understand??

THE CARBON POLLUTION YOU PLAN TO GENERATE will keep 40,000 gigawatt-hours of clean energy s -- atmosphere every day.

Expanding the mine and building new methane well pads would only exacerbate THIS UNACCEPTABLE DAMAGE at a time when we can LEAST afford it.

by REJECTING the coal mining loophole to the Colorado Roadless Rule OR RISK IMMEDIATE LAWSUIT!! Coal mining is becoming an obsolete process as we move toward cleaner energy sources and less coal is used in the production of electricity.

Arch coal is bankrupt. They need to admit their defeat and die in dignity. The era of dirty coal and

environmental pillaging is over.

If every tree we're talking about is infested with bark beetles and the like.  
But I'm guessing this isn't the case, so do your job and protect the trees!

It's time we move from dirty fuels and on to clean renewable energies. Keep the coal in the ground.

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It's not too late to keep this coal in the ground -- where it belongs -- and defend our climate. I ask the Forest Service to do exactly that!

The Forest Service's own analysis found that this carbon damage to the world's economy and the environment. The proposal would also keep huge amounts of renewable energy from entering the marketplace -- approximately the amount of clean energy produced by 150,000 homes with solar panels generating electricity for 20 years!

This deal is bad for our climate and bad for our public lands. Defend this forest and stop the climate disruption at the source -- the Forest Service has an obligation to do the right thing because this deal is not worth the damage it would cause.

Please protect our nation's future and avoid turning back the clock on our climate and this beautiful roadless forest. Unanimously reject this coal mining loophole to the Colorado Roadless Rule.

This is outrageous and must not happen.

Thank you for protecting this forest - trees sequester carbon.

It makes no sense to allow such a dangerous plan at a time when we should be putting our resources into development of sustainable energy.....and energy that will not damage the environment and put our health and wellbeing at risk. I fail to understand how there is anything reasonable about this proposal.

**THERE IS A BETTER WAY.**

If we continue to live as now, our global temperatures will raise somewhere between 3 and 4 deg C by the end of this century.

Until recently, scientists thought that in order to avoid ecological catastrophe we needed to limit the temperature increase to 2 deg C. However based on new data, major European climate scientists now stress that 2 deg C is still too much and we need to try to limit temperature increases to 1.5 deg C to avoid this ecological catastrophe.

The only way to achieve this is by leaving fossil fuels in the ground. Expanding the Arch Coal mine will encourage the opposite.

We have a moral obligation to our children and grandchildren to do whatever we can to avoid this kind of

climate disruption.

We are the first generation to understand this threat and are also the last generation that can do something about it.

This is insane and illogical.

With coal prices collapsing, this plan is not only a slow motion environmental disaster, but an economic disaster as well. Destroying pristine wilderness to harness unprofitable, polluting energy is madness.

It will also destroy a valuable resource--the forest, which sucks up earth-warming CO2 and helps stabilize the temperature of the earth and the acidity of the ocean.

That coal is owned by the people of the United States and should be left in the ground.

What is wrong with you people? Really.

As the 76 year old daughter of a Forest Ranger in the Siskiyou and Umpqua National forests I truly appreciate the natural beauty of our forests. So much has changed from the time that I played in the forests, swam in Lange creek and was able to safely drink water from the spring above the Station. Now that water is not safe and the Ranger Station is in town. But we can still drive through the area and enjoy the peace of the forests.

Public lands are for us NOT commercial interests of any kind!

Coal is a fuel of the past that we as a society need to be moving away from, not promoting. I work in the oil and gas industry, and there is full realization among many of my colleagues that society will gradually move away from more carbon intensive energy sources like coal and oil to less carbon intensive sources like natural gas and solar.

I can't understand why we would allow this for an energy source that will make the global warming problem worse.

This is not private land, it belongs to the public, and surely does not belong to these destructive corporations.

Keep the coal in the ground. There is absolutely no need to destroy thousands of acres of the people's forest!

This alone is substantive enough to deny the mining proposal. To do otherwise would be unconscionable!

Doing so would be ludicrous! More carbon pollution would only aggravate our global warming..

And, stop acting like you're out of your fricking minds. We need to end our use of all carbon based fuels, NOW!, not bring on more use. At least act like you care about future generations. Let's think about the future generations, children who will benefit from our caring action today.

Keep it in the ground!

Roadless Rule. This is directly counter to the direction this country has promised to take to combat climate change. It will also devastate much of the forest and have a terrible impact upon the wildlife there. We NEED our forests to reduce carbon in the atmosphere and must stop decimating them, especially for the purpose of creating more pollution through mining and burning coal.

The time has come...it is way PAST time...to stop mining and burning coal. At last we have turned the page on fossil fuel dependence and the devastation its production and use causes to the environment. We are counting on the US Forest Service to protect THIS forest, and say NO to the coal industry that seeks to enrich itself at a terrible price we all would pay.

Coal is yesterday. Everyone knows it. Who gains from this? Stop now.

We are, according to President Obama, trying wean off of coal. Expanding arch coal is NOT the way!

Shame on any American who would sell their principles and support this. Colorado is my home state, and it is close to my heart. It would be a shame to engage in dangerous and toxic fossil fuel extraction at a time when we have international and national directives to take meaningful action on climate change. Please do not allow this.

There is no real NEED for you to allow this to happen.

If I wrote about this before, please excuse the duplication, but this proposal would set precedents in Virginia and other places with similar proposals. Instead of putting more mines, they should implements safety measures in the existing ones and make sure to minimize damage to the environment and restore what they cause. Coal is dirty to mine and dirty to burn. It's time to transition away from it!

I have visited Colorado and hiked there. This is not just a "click here to oppose", you need to say no to this industry. It is MY land as a US taxpayer.

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U.S. Forest Service, stand up to Big Coal,

I oppose this idiotic, asinine, braindead and just plain stupid Forest Service proposal to reopen the

Are you farking kidding me?

Wake up and smell the 21st century - it damn sure doesn't include all of this crap your stupid proposal will dump into the atmosphere. It is unconscionable for a federal agency to even be considering such a plan with so much science against it let alone be taking it seriously.

Oh yes, let's also not forget that Really? REALLY? You really need public input to decide the right decision here?

Please protect not just our climate and this beautiful roadless forest, but the entire frigging world by rejecting the asinine coal mining loophole to the Colorado Roadless Rule.

It's another lose, lose proposition.

What a disaster this would be!

To fight climate change, we need to stop producing coal and preserve forests.

Roads and mining in a roadless area? Sounds like a bad deal.

We need more untouched country, not less.  
Our fragile Earth needs us to protect it. PLEASE do not allow anymore coal mining.

Choose to side with the individuals of our great state who want to keep our beautiful roadless forests and stop pandering to destructive, out-dated land use.

Everyone already knows the truth. Some choose to ignore it. Please don't.

You are supposed to protect our forests and allowing coal mining in them is not doing your job. There should be no clear cutting anywhere in the forests. Selective cutting yes, but clear cutting NO!!  
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To the people who run Arch Coal, I am saying that you all need to find better things to do, that won't destroy our forests and other wild places. The use of coal seems to be really archaic, and I doubt there is a really big need for coal, anymore.

The Forest Service proposal to reopen the coal mining loophole in the Colorado Roadless Rule is one I most strongly oppose.

(Yikes!) (No no no. Not a good plan.)

This loophole would allow those giant mining tractors through it. Please reject it!  
I am strongly opposed to the Forest Service's proposal to reopen the  
This is NOT the time to encourage more coal mining anywhere much less in a roadless area where it would be necessary to build many miles of new roads. Furthermore, the damage done by the increased carbon pollution makes this unconscionable.  
It seems totally illogical to be considering a plan that is completely contrary to the country's goal of reducing carbon emissions. This proposal benefits no one except Arch Coal.  
Please do NOT allow Arch Coal to expand this mine. Keep the coal in the ground and protect our forests and wildlife.

#### SAVE OUR PLANET

Sequestering carbon is the first and best step for reducing our impact on the climate. Keeping the dirtiest fossil fuels, like coal and tar sands oil, in the ground is absolutely essential. And finally, keeping our public lands free of fossil-fuel development is a concept whose time has come. Our public lands should be managed to preserve resources for the future, not exploited and compromised as they are now. As a stakeholder in our public lands, I am concerned about the mis-management and abuse they, and the wildlife that abide thereon, have suffered for decades.

Please protect our planet, our wildlife, our trees, our climate and this beautiful roadless forest by We need to protect all the living; we can all live without coal.

Didn't we just come away from COP21 with a directive to reduce carbon emissions.

So what part of that do you not understand???

Coal is obsolete.  
NO COAL MINING ANYWHERE !!

You are going in exactly the wrong direction by deforesting this area (You are the Forest SERVICE, aren't you?) AND causing millions of tons of carbon into the atmosphere. This would be evil. Reject this proposal.

We do not need more coal mining. We are moving toward renewables. Stop this insanity and protect our national resources from greedy and selfish industries.  
I don't understand why you would even think about doing something like this when we have and are capable of using cleaner and green technologies to provide better energy than coal. Do something for the people of this country and protect this land and its people for once.

Now more than ever, we need to preserve truly wild places. The coal industry does nothing but destroy -- the land, the water, the air, the very planet. It is time to say no to coal once and for all.  
I STRONGLY Strongly!!!!

Coal is an outdated energy source that causes asthma and other respiratory problems. It costs more money to pull it out of the ground than the amount of energy it creates - It is a non-sustainable source of energy. Furthermore, public lands should not be destroyed for such antiquated and non-sustainable business practices.

If this is allowed to occur it is another fact against Obama that he lied in Paris and to the world. Make this right Obama.

As someone who believes in protecting the last wild places we have in this country, I know that every acre counts.

THIS WOULD BE A TRAVESTY! KEEP POLLUTING, FILTHY COAL IN THE GROUND! OUR ATMOSPHERE CAN NOT TAKE MORE CO2. SURE, THE FOREST SERVICE NEEDS MONEY, BUT NOT THIS WAY. "ROADLESS" MUST MEAN ROADLESS, WITHOUT ACCESS, TO CONSERVE AND PROTECT OUR RESOURCES.

Yikes!

ENOUGH ALREADY!  
I very strongly

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When will the USFS stop catering to outdated and declining industry interests at the expense of the real owners of these resources, the American Public?  
Don't you dare touch my parks!!!!

We travel to Colorado every summer, including the Gunnison/Crested Butte. area. National Forest is supposed to be "multi-use". Guess what, I can't use it when it's destroyed for decades (or longer) by mining. Seriously, there are other more productive mines in other areas. We don't want coal and I bet most of this coal will go for export to China anyway. As an American citizen I get nothing from this deal except a screwed up environment. This is crap.  
STOP please stop.

It's time we put self-sustaining practices FIRST. Wind power is the way of the future--don't keep us in the "dark ages" by allowing more coal to be not only mined, but burned, adding to existing environmental problems. Not to mention allowing more destruction of our natural resources--to what end? Soon there won't be any left if decisions such as this come to fruition. Our natural resources are more important than anything else!

Let's leave this coal in the ground

Personal note: Please. I'm tired of seeing the environment get destroyed. I'm tired of watching stuff that's been here for centuries fall to greed and laziness. Please.

There has been enough of this narrow minded/senseless stripping of our precious resources. Say enough to

this dinosaur fossil fuel economy and lets evolve into the human race that saves our planet from the certain destruction that we have learned is occurring with these needless energy sources.

OH HELL NO! NO TO COAL!

I vehemently disagree with and oppose the proposal by the US Forest Service ("USFS") to reopen the In my estimation, this proposal is misguided and nothing more than a capitulation to the demands of money mining interests.

The costs to our society in terms of degradation of the environment and generation of even more greenhouse gases (not to mention deforestation and destruction of pristine wilderness) substantially outweigh the financial benefits to be gained by mining companies. It is time for the interest of WE the People (as in natural persons who are living, breathing human beings) be accorded greater respect and protection than the pecuniary interests of legal persons, i.e., corporations.

In closing, I urge you to act in a logical, rationale fashion that is consistent with promotion of the publi interest of "We the People" and, in so doing, reject the coal mining loophole to the Colorado Roadless Rule.

Do what you do - protect our lands.

Roadless means roadless!

Besides, that's public land and public coal. Leave it in the ground!

Coal is not a favored commodity in the U.S., and it shouldn't be exported either. Leave it in the ground. Save pollution from happening.

Roadless areas need to remain roadless, especially when they're public lands!

COAL? You have GOT to be kidding!

Stop selling us out.

America's energy future lies with researching and developing alternative energy sources and decreasing dependence on fossil fuels.

Once again I find it very sad that we Americans must beg, plead, and fight our government to insist that they stop killing our planet and all living upon it.

Stop manipulating laws to appease BIG MONEY, this is our country, our home, do your job and protect it! What will be left for our children and grandchildren?

Keep your hands off my land. We, the American People, own this land and you have NO PERMISSION to blithely steal our land for your use!

Take care of the only air, earth, and water we have now for ourselves, and for our children to come. Is it air pollution? Is it GMO's? Is it chemicals in our environment? It's got to be something. We can't be getting this stupid without help! coal mining loophole in the Colorado Roadless Rule.

The U.S. Forest Service should not be in the mining business. Your job is to protect and manage our wild spaces, not to open the gates to those who would exploit and ruin all trace of the forest.

This is both about you stewarding public lands with integrity, and about the future of the planet.

Coal should no longer be an option in this country. Stop the mining.

Coal is an outdated of energy production, and provides too much environmental and economic risk to the nation.

Our children and our grandchildren (and we ourselves) need those wilderness areas.

There's a global glut of energy supplies, and there are far better sources of US domestic energy than coal. On top of that, other US coal producing regions are meeting our current needs. You should reject the proposal to build roads and mines in this untouched area.