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Comments: I have explored and photographed practically the entire region of federal wilderness and other public and private lands including ranches around Crested Butte. It is simply one of the most biologically fecund places on Earth. Plants grow taller and thicker than any other place else I have ever been, which includes most of Colorado's mountains, many other Western US ranges, and mountain ranges around the planet. I have also photographed the edges of the Thompson Divide on foot and from the air.

If ever there was a remaining place in Colorado for which approximate mineral development is inappropriate and threatening to biological diversity, it is the areas of Mount Emmons and Thompson Divide.

Sincerely, John Fielder

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