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Comments: I support the Thompson/Divide withdrawal. I have never seen a project that has had such broad and diverse support as this proposal to withdraw the Thompson/Divide area from further oil, gas, or mineral extraction. Ranchers, sportsmen, mountain bikers and hikers have all come out to support this withdrawal. I am very familiar with the Thompson Creek area, having worked and recreated in the area for over 40 years. Any further natural gas extraction would severely degrade the natural environment and wildlife habitat in this area, particularly road construction associated with mineral extraction.

I also support the ultimate goal of congress making this withdrawal permanent.