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Comments: I support the proposed Thompson Divide administrative mineral withdrawal and I especially support the mineral withdrawal on Mt Emmons. Thank you for considering the mineral withdrawal. I also support a second administrative mineral withdrawal in this area, in 20 years, if Congress does not act to make the withdrawal permanent, before 20 years from now.

I am on the Board of Directors of the Coal Creek Watershed Coalition so I am very concerned about potential water pollution from a mine on Mt. Emmons. We have a very large data base of water quality sampling results in Coal Creek, going back to 2006, and a smaller data base for the Slate River. If either of these sources of information would be useful to you in your consideration about whether to do the administrative mineral withdrawal, please do not hesitate to contact me or Ashley Bembenek, our Executive Director, at abembenek@yahoo.com.