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Comments: Dear Forest Supervisor Stewart,

I'm writing to express my strong and undying support for a mineral withdrawal of the Thompson Divide area, which includes Mt. Emmons (Red Lady) near Crested Butte, Colorado. This area is extremely important to me, as I have been involved for 46 years in the lengthy battle to prevent mining on Red Lady, a sentinel mountain that I see from my window as I write.

Now that the possibility of resolving this decades-long issue is within our grasp, thanks to the foresight of local, state and federal agencies, along with elected officials, including President Biden, it is imperative that we finalize this withdrawal in order to protect our communities and their water sources from the impacts of mining and the incursions of gas wells.

This withdrawal will bring the resolution we have sought for many years. It will protect communities on the Western Slope from extractive industries, while allowing wildlife species to thrive, along with recreation, which is vital to our economy.

We all win when we protect our precious resources. I urge you to support this mineral withdrawal.

Thank you so much.

Sincerely,

Sue Navy

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