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Comments: Dear Doug Vilsack

I am unable to attend the meetings tonight, but I wanted to send a comment.

I am resident of The North Fork Valley. I am a partner in the Rocky Mountain Inn and live in Paonia. I strongly support the proposed 20-year administrative withdrawal in the Thompson Divide Area of approximately 224,793.73 acres, including National Forest System lands, BLM- managed public lands, and Federal mineral interest (as illustrated in the Thompson Divide withdrawal map dated September 15, 2022 in Attachment A), to protect agricultural, ranching, wildlife, air quality, recreational, ecological, and scenic values. This is crucial for our way of life and so hopefully my 2 year old daughter will get to enjoy the same Colorado ecosystem I got to explore all my life. It's also imperative to my business that depends on agriculture and environmental tourism.

I support comments of Citizens for a Healthy Community , Wilderness Workshop, and Colorado Farm and Food Alliance

Patrick McCarney