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Comments: I have hiked and camped in the Thompson Divide and know the importance of maintaining ecological balance in this area. The Thompson Divide is crucial for recreation, grazing, clean air and water, and wildlife habitat. The ecological balance can easily be altered - with devastating consequences to the wildlife, water and vegetation.

The profits of oil and gas development in the Thompson Divide should not overbalance the ecological benefit of preserving these lands through a federal mineral withdrawal, an action necessary to protect these valuable resources from disturbance and destruction from ongoing oil and gas leasing.

Please use your resources to protect the Thompson Divide. I pay taxes and am, in many senses, your employer. As such, I instruct you to guarantee this protection.