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Comments: Please accept my comments on the Thompson Divide Withdrawal Project. Thank you for your

proposal to withdraw approximately 224,713 acres of lands and interests administered

by the USFS and BLM from all forms of entry, appropriation, and disposal. This area needs to be protected from mining and mineral extraction. It would be even better to permanently protect this area, but 20 years is at least a start.

This area needs to be preserved and protected from the impacts of mineral exploration and extraction. Such a use would destroy the area's cultural and ecological value.