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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this important initiative.

I am in full support of the withdrawal of the lands comprising the Thompson Divide, as defined by the Thompson Divide Withdrawal Project draft environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact.

As a forestry professional, I fully understand the value of intact landscapes to wildlife and habitat sustainability as well as the resulting benefit to the health and well-being of the Divide's residents.

Although I am not a Colorado resident, the ecosystem services benefits that such a withdrawal will enable and enhance extend far beyond Colorado's borders. Conserving such landscapes is one of the most cost-effective approaches to mitigating Climate Crisis impacts and it is my hope that the USFA and the BLM will use the Thomas Divide Withdrawal Project as a model for similar actions throughout their Public Land holdings.