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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Having read the Reasonably Foreseeable Development Report used to evaluate potential outcomes and risks to many areas of concern in the withdrawal application area, it has only confirmed my position for Alternative A for the reasons outlined.

The purpose of the requested withdrawal is to protect and preserve cultural, agricultural, ranching, wildlife, air quality, recreational, ecological, and scenic values in the Thompson Divide area of Colorado from potential impacts that may arise from mineral exploration and development. I wholeheartedly support that effort. Not withdrawing and proceeding with Alternative B would have negative and deleterious effects. I also agree emphatically that closing federal lands in the withdrawal application area to sale and exchange would retain a contiguous landscape resulting in more efficient and effective management of USFS and BLM administered lands.