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Comments: Thank you for taking the time to protect critical wildlands that support not only wildlife but ecosystem services which greatly contribute to rural and urban economies and their community's welfare. Particularly as climate uncertainty continues to evade modeling attempts, it is a prudent management decision to safeguard the mountainous headwater areas that feed many rivers and water sources of the arid west. Protection, stewardship, and if possible rejuvenation of local water cycles in Colorado should be the priority within the upcoming years, as water is the most significant limiting resource in our shared biome. The ramifications of drought will not be contained to Colorado alone especially given the InterState Compact on the Colorado River. Halting the negative consequences of extraction industries which compromise the land's ability to promote and hold snowpack while also increasing pollution pressure is a great start to holistic water management. Again thank you all for taking the time to demonstrate that there are alternative options for land management other than extractive practices.