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Comments: I am writing in support of the 20 year ban on drilling and mining activities on the publicly owned National Forest land in the Thompson Divide. This ban would help protect agriculture, ranching , wildlife, air quality, recreation, and ecological and scenic values that possess strong essential economic and intrinsic value to local communities. These services also support nearly 3009 jobs and \$30 million in economic output for the people in this area. That being said, these sustainable practices should be prioritized over the destructive practices of mining and fossil fuel extraction on our publicly owned lands.