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Comments: As a person with chronic illness and trying to reduce contaminants and toxins of all kinds in my indoor and outdoor environment, I highly support the ban on drilling and mining activities. When I am able, it is good for my health to get exercise in the outdoors. The Thompson divide is a beautiful place that should be preserved for all of us to enjoy. I am constantly monitoring the air conditions as it is and cannot get needed exercise and relief in nature when the air pollution is unsafe. I used to be under the impression that to "go to the mountains" meant cleaner, fresher air. This ban would not only protect the environment from recreational hazards, it would also indeed protect the agricultural, ranching, wildlife, air quality, ecological and scenic values of the Thompson Divide area that provides 300 jobs and \$30 million in annual economic output for local communities. I fully support withdrawing the 200,000 acres from future oil and gas development and the Forest Service and BLM should close the Thompson Divide area to oil and gas leasing and mining for at least 20 years. We need long-term protection!