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Comments: Dear US Forest Service,

I urge you to permanently ban oil and gas development in Thompson Divide. Ever since the Utes were dispossessed of that land the wildlife and ecology was severely degraded. It's long overdue to begin healing the land and restoring the ecosystem.

It's also important to finally honor the treaties signed with the Utes which gave them rights to that land, which was illegally taken from them. A first step would be to grant them hunting and recreational rights with a long term plan for a transition of land ownership back to them.

It's also paramount that a permanent oil and gas ban go into effect as soon as possible to address the climate emergency we are already in the midst of.

Sincerely,

Clayton Dewey