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Comments: Public lands are for the public. If they are opened to oil and gas drilling and other extractive industries, the public's access will be limited and the experience of visiting the Thompson Divide will be degraded. Oil and gas drilling is highly polluting and will degrade the environment and endanger wildlife and domestic animals. The current usage provides 300 jobs per year for many years. The employment provided by oil and gas drilling is largely temporary, and after the wells are drilled there is minimal employment and the jobs currently existing in non-extractive industries will be diminished. The climate cannot afford to keep extracting more fossil fuels.