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Comments: I would like to express my support for the withdraw of the 224,793 acres of the Thompson Divide from all future oil and gas leasing and mining for a period of 20 years.

I am a Colorado native and while growing up was fortunate to be able to come yearly to the Glenwood Springs, Carbondale, Thompson Divide and nearby areas to camp, fish, ski, bike, hike, and snowmobile. I have made the Glenwood Springs and Carbondale areas my home since 1978. The Thompson Divide, as a wilderness, is far more valuable as a contribution to climate change solutions than any profits from oil, gas and mining. The withdraw is also necessary to protect the clean air and water of the area.

The area is an important refuge and homeland to the wildlife - elk, deer, bear, mountain lions, lynx, hawks and eagles. It provides Colorado with income from the sale of hunting licenses and grazing allotments, for many ranchers, on public lands.

As an American citizen, I own these public lands, as all American citizens do. I insist we use our public lands to contribute to climate change solutions for the good of our people and our planet instead of adding more carbon emissions.