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Comments: I am commenting on the Thompson Divide Withdrawal #63679. I am asking for a permanent withdrawal, not just a 20 year withdrawal. I don't want to see any mineral extraction in the Thompson Divide ever in the future. I have hiked extensively in the Thompson Divide and I believe due to the ruggedness of the terrain, to build large enough roads to allow access for any kind of extraction would be extremely desructive to the area. With the area's steep-sided drainages very, very large cuts would have to be made along their sidewalls in order to make shelved-out areas large enough to support access and haul roads. I also do not air, water and noise pollution associated with extraction in this pristine area. Allow mineral extraction in an area where land destruction and pollution can be better avoided...somewhere flat, easily accessable and controllable.

Thank you