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Comments: Our organization, 350 Bay Area Action, firmly supports the Thompson Divide Withdrawal. This action will preserve lands currently used by ranchers and farmers, will protect the headwaters of the North Fork of the Gunnison River, and will ensure that these lands will not be further damaged by industrial uses, particularly oil and gas operations. Given that oil and gas projects are the main driver of global warming, and that 2023 was the hottest year in 125,000 years, this is a timely decision to withdraw the Thompson Divide from further destructive oil and gas projects. We commend the Forest Service for making this timely and important decision to protect our federal lands.