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Comments: Trout Unlimited appreciates the opportunity to submit comments on the draft Environmental Assessment and the Finding of No Significant Impact for the proposed Thompson Divide Administrative Withdrawal for a 20-year term of 224,713 acres administered by US Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management.

The proposed withdrawal would protect nearly 225,000 acres in the Thompson Divide, encompassing a total of 1,550 stream miles including 83 miles of native cutthroat trout streams, 12 acres of cutthroat lake habitat, and nearly four and a half miles of Gold Medal trout fishing waters along the Roaring Fork. Trout Unlimited has long advocated for the protection of these outstanding fishery resources and their watersheds and strongly supports Alternative A.

Trout Unlimited has great appreciation for the effort put forth to generate this proposal and recommends the Secretary of the Interior approve administrative withdrawal in the Thompson Divide.