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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to provide my public comment regarding the Thompson Divide Withdrawal.

As a member of 350 Colorado, I urge the BLM and USFS to choose Alternative A.

I am writing to express my support for the Thompson Divide Withdrawal; I encourage the USFS and BLM to choose Alternative A to approve and implement the withdrawal. Keeping more public lands closed to oil and gas leasing is critical for the global climate, and the closure of these 220,704 acres will prevent additional warming. The environmental assessment exposes the regional detriment impact that oil and gas development would have. Approving additional oil and gas extraction would only push Colorado even further past ozone and air pollutant thresholds. With safe limits already exceeded, disallowing further extraction is the responsible thing to do for citizens' health. Closing these lands to oil and gas extraction will also contribute towards promises made by Colorado to reduce our carbon footprint. By choosing Alternative A, the USFS and BLM is fulfilling its responsibility to the health of the people and the environment.