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Comments: As a passionate hiker, runner, skier, outdoor lover, guest on Arapaho, Cheyenne, and Ute lands, and a constituent from Boulder, I do not believe we should use our public lands for fossil fuel energy extraction. I do not support using public lands to create even more climate-driving emissions at a time where its critical we move in the opposite direction. That is why I support the proposed withdrawal of 224,793 acres of National Forest System Lands within the Thompson Divide. The proposal would provide meaningful protection for revered public lands on the White River and Gunnison National Forests and ensure public lands are contributing to climate change solutions, not adding to the United States portfolio of carbon emissions.

I have witnessed the impacts of climate change firsthand. Our snowpack is diminishing. Our winters are shorter. What should be falling as snow is, in fact, falling as rain. Climate change threatens human health and welfare.

Protecting the Thompson Divide wont stop climate change on its own, but the withdrawal of oil and gas leases from the Thompson Divide is an example of how public lands protections can address climate change, too. There is no doubt that the withdrawal of over 200,000 acres from new oil and gas development will slow the United States fossil fuel development and methane waste that would drive further climate change, contributing to the administrations goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions on public lands.

Protecting public lands is and can be a tool for addressing our changing climate. I support the proposed withdrawal of 224,793 acres of National Forest System Lands within the Thompson Divide. The proposal would provide meaningful protection for revered public lands on the White River and Gunnison National Forests and ensure public lands are contributing to climate change solutions, not adding to the United States portfolio of carbon emissions. Thank you for your consideration.