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It is a necessity the Thompson Divide Mineral Withdrawal be complete. Removing the lands surrounding Mt. Emmons - located upstream from Crested Butte - is a major step in the community's 47-year effort to protect its headwaters by disallowing a molybdenum mine operation on Mt. Emmons. The Forest Service, BLM, conservation groups, and the mining company are all partners in this effort. In order to ensure the threat of mining is forever removed, the lands must not be allowed to be used for mining in any capacity including milling, extraction, transportation, or disposal. As a citizen of the community and a stakeholder / property owner, I ask you to please work to ensure the Forest Service's engagement is in the best interest of moving this process foreward with efficiency and with the goal at the forefront of your decision-making process.