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Comments: Subject: Please say and Vote No to Oil and Gas Leasing in the Routt National Forest
Message: We thank you for taking public comments on the proposed oil and gas lease parcels on the Routt National Forest. We urge you to not consent to leasing these parcels, which encompass highly valuable public lands and roadless forests. These important resource values of our Wildlife homes and migration pathways would be irreparably damaged by industrialization of the landscape for oil and gas drilling. The proposed lease parcels encompass designated Colorado Roadless Areas, elk calving and mule deer migration habitats identified by Colorado Parks and Wildlife, state designated Outstanding Waters, bird habitat for greater sage-grouse and Columbian sharp-tailed grouse, and crucial habitat for cutthroat trout. We know that the Forest Service has not analyzed impacts of oil and gas development on the Routt National Forest since 1993, and therefore does not have an adequate understanding of the impacts of contemporary drilling, or of current resource values on the ground and necessary measures to protect those values from drilling impacts. PLEASE do not move forward with authorizing oil and gas leasing in these important national forest lands.
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