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An aerial view of the Thompson Divide in Colorado. | EcoFlight

No more drilling

The Biden administration has finalized a 20-year ban on new oil and gas drilling and mining activity on large swaths of federal lands within western Colorado's pristine Thompson Divide, [writes Scott Streater](#).

The 221,898-acre mineral withdrawal involves mostly Forest Service land covering parts of four national forests and about 15,000 acres managed by the Bureau of Land Management.