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Current regulations are a complete road block to sustained development of mining here in Helena national Forest. The 1872 mining law was very clear on access, occupation and development, the forest service has done more to stifle mineral holders,miners. We are treated as visitors not stakeholders( owners of minerals) denied access to claims and existing roads and trail( historic mining trails to mines). The mandate should read the forest service must accommodate stake holders, prospectors, miners to the extent of 1872 mining law, not more regulations,limits. No where in the mining law does it say we have to consistently ask for permission and enter in to contracts with Forest Service in our course of normal prospecting, sampling,accessing claims and normal activities. This needs to change.j