

Dear US National Forest Service Staff,

In my opinion this project should move forward for a variety of reasons including stewardship of the land, jobs, and an enterprise that will supply valuable metals that our nation can use. Minerals in economic concentrations are relatively rare and you can't choose the best location where you could develop a mine that no one would object to. This is a historic mining area, centered on one of the aforementioned rare, mineralized areas.

Modern miners recognize their responsibility of operating their facilities with diligence and care because they would soon be out of business if they didn't take things seriously, and rightly so. This project has already done much in the way of reclaiming some of the previous mining and milling operations in this area. They've spent millions in cleaning up the project site and have provided numerous people with good paying jobs that has instilled an optimism in this area that is favored by most clear thinking people.

My best,  
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