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Hello Wendy,

I'm unable to attend the public meeting on February 16th where this project will be discussed, but I'd like to voice my opinion on the matter.

My opinion is that the Newark project isn't appropriate for a Categorical Exclusion, and the Forest Service should do an Environmental Assessment of the project.

Just a couple of my concerns with this project is that it is upstream from Custer, which depends on the clean water, and this project could impact the French Creek. I'm also concerned with the underground water impact that this project might have, as numerous homes depend on underground water as their main water source. Lastly, I'm concerned that this is just the beginning of a larger project that could impact a much larger area of Forest Service land and could have increasing impacts that are not currently described in the project.

Thanks for listening to my concerns, as my opinion is to say No to giving F3 Gold a Categorical Exclusion.

Scott Weber