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I read that the Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Custer Gallatin National Forest (CGNF) are commencing the Notice of Intent and 30-day public scoping period for a joint Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the potential impacts of a proposed major amendment (Amendment 014) to state Operating Permit 00118 and the federal Stillwater Mine Plan of Operations. If approved, Amendment 014 infrastructure improvements (proposed action) would provide the waste storage capacity necessary to extend the mine's operational life up to 42 years.

I do not approve of extending the life of the mine. Mining companies typically do not take full responsibility for their environmental impact and cleanup. Our wild flora and fauna are losing so much habitat to development and pollution as it is.

Thank you,

Connie Lorig

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