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Comments: It is absolutely unacceptable for the Forest Service to approve the gold exploration project on upper French Creek without requiring a full environmental impact statement. This area is nothing like Jenny Gulch in terms of hydrology, geology, seismology, wildlife concerns, and urban interface, not to mention cultural resources. I see no evidence that the EIS for Jenny Gulch would be applicable to the French Creek project area. The people of Custer and Custer State Park rely on French Creek for drinking water and recreational and ag purposes. They deserve a full study and a voice in the decision. Please take a step back and do what the law requires for this type of permit.

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