

USDA-Forest Service. Attn: Director—MGM Staff,
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Dear madam/sir:

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Q: "The Forest Service is requesting comments from the public regarding the need to clarify or to otherwise enhance its regulations that minimize adverse environmental impacts on National Forest System surface resources in connection with operations authorized by the United States mining laws. The Forest Service is contemplating amending 36 CFR part 228, subpart A, to increase consistency with the BLM's regulations governing the enforcement of locatable mineral operations conducted upon public lands that the BLM manages, to the extent that the Forest Service's unique statutory authorities allow this. Do you agree with this approach?"

A: **yes I agree with this**

Q: d. Do you agree with the 1999 NRC report's conclusion that the plan of operations modification provisions in 36 CFR part 228, subpart A, should be amended to permit the Forest Service to require modification of an approved plan in order (1) to correct problems that have resulted in harm or threatened harm to National Forest System surface resources and (2) to reflect advances in predictive capacity, technical capacity, and mining technology.

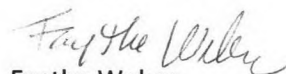
A: **Yes I agree**

Q: Do you think that the regulations at 36 CFR part 228, subpart A, should be amended to set out the procedures which govern submission, receipt, review, analysis, and approval of a proposed modification of an existing plan of operations?

A: **Yes I agree.**

Q: Please identify all circumstances which you think should require an operator to submit a notice before operating, and all circumstances which you think should require an operator to submit and obtain Forest Service approval of a proposed plan of operations? **I strongly feel wilderness areas must be off limits to any and all mining. The "Executive Order 13817, A Federal Strategy to Ensure Secure and Reliable Supplies of Critical Minerals" is nothing more than a thinly veiled excuse for profiteering by greedy businesses which give big contributions to the current administration that thinks of nothing but money and golf. I realize the Forest Service hand's are tied until the courts or change of administration can intervene.**

Sincerely,



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