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Comments:

1. Having worked with both the BLM and the Forest Service on past locatable mineral projects, it has been my experience that the permitting system at the BLM is less onerous and time consuming than the Forest Service, especially for projects that disturb less than 5 acres. I support revising the Forest Service permitting rules to be consistent with the BLM regulations. Additionally, for those of us working on both BLM and Forest Service lands, consistency in regulations and the permitting process between the two agencies would be beneficial. 2. I support meeting with agency officials before finalizing Plans of Operation. In fact, I've worked in districts where the Forest Service tries to get the entire NEPA team to meet with the operator as a group, preferably on site, to review the plan before approval- which makes the process more efficient and reduces misunderstandings. 5. Forest Service rules regarding use and occupancy should be consistent with BLM regulations

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