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Comments:

The foremost problem, is not with the regulations, but with the execution of the regulations. Yes making them consistent between the BLM and the FS will enhance the service to the public. However, both line officers and resource specialists need to be educated as to the RIGHT that a citizen has to develop the mineral resources on the National Forests, as well as the emphasis Congress has put on this development. Generally speaking most line officers and resource specialists see the development of the mineral resource as a project to be avoided and to create as many obstacles in the way of the project so as to either attempt to kill it through restrictions, or delay. As a Forest Minerals staff, I encountered this attitude on almost a daily basis. Instead of trying to find the best most environmentally sound way to do the development, it seemed like numerous specialists were looking for any and all ways to thwart the development. In an effort to educate both line officers and specialists I created a document that shows that Congress intended for the mineral resources of the Nation to be developed (see attached). I used recreation to compare to, because frequently this is the resource with the most severe restrictions.

Using this documentation shows the importance that Congress has placed on developing minerals on the National Forests, even to the restricting of other resources. Until Line officers and resource specialist recognize that the mineral resource as far as locatable minerals are concerned are a right, not a privilege. It is a non discretionary item, and should be treated that way. Specialist and line officers tend to treat working on a minerals project as a discretionary project, that they can just ignore, or at least put off. They treat their individual resource as a non-discretionary job. For instance, there are only 2 laws, that require the FS to provide recreation, the Wilderness Act, and the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act. All other laws that mention recreation refer to if you provide recreation this is how you do it, or that recreation is allowed on National Forest.

Until FS personnel are educated in the laws governing the use of National Forest System Lands, streamlining and consistency will continue to flounder.