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I appreciate the concerns of others who have replied to you whether pro or con. I would like to add my opinion about the project. F3 Gold is not a mining company, rather it's an Exploration and Prospecting Company. They are not Miners. Their exploration is about mapping the subsurface geology of the area which is not visible to the naked eye. In order to determine rock type, mineralization and depth of many different minerals to include gold. These minerals may include several others which are in need for America's quest to reduce carbon emissions. The area they have proposed to drill is already known as a highly mineralized area due to above ground exposures of mineral. Drilling is not a new exploration tool, the United States Geological Survey (USGS) has used drilling for decades over the entire U.S. for subsurface geological purposes. Some say that several drill holes, which I believe is 39 drill sites, would be done at each drill site does not make sense to me. One drill hole is a data point. which can be located on a grid. Each data point will include depths of various rock types and mineralization at various depths. To drill more than one vertical hole at each drill site would be a serious waste of money. However, it could be they will drill at various angles from one site to obtain more data. However, I doubt it would be up to 10 per drill site as has been stated by others. As I stated before, F3 Gold is an Exploration and Prospecting Company. They are not a Mining Company. After drilling and mapping their product will be a map, however benefits may occur such as educating students of the value of study and research before a project begins. This map may or may not have value depending on depth and minerals located during exploration. If successful they will attempt to sell their claims and maps to interested Mining Entities. This will create another public opportunity for yaysayers and naysayers to voice their opinion. I do realize that public hearings are mostly attended by naysayers who will provide many emotional pleas to stop the project. I believe that it could be 10 or even 20 years before mining would actually begin. I'm sure you will hear that our water sources will be affected, traffic will increase, noise will increase, trees will be cut and wildlife will be disrupted. These pleas are subjective and can not be accurately projected to occur. I see the drilling as a great opportunity for Custer County to tax the crap out of the Mining Company in the future and to provide high paying jobs to young people from the area to stay in God's Country instead of moving to a Megatropolis and become a Cititron. God knows our Real Estate Taxes have reached toxic levels, more toxic than any mining which may occur. This is my humble opinion. I can not attend the meeting as I chose to freeze in Arizona instead of home, which is in Custer, this Winter. Thank you for listening and I don't mind if you read this at the hearing. Respectfully Submitted – Bradley Evans

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