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I realize I have missed the comment deadline for the proposal to close 340,000 acres of national forest land near Mazma, but I would like to enter a comment just the same if you will allow it.

I have been in mining for 42 years now and have worked in many different locations. I am a strong believer in taking care of our environment and in responsible mining. Most people do not understand that the saying " if you can't grow it, you must mine it" is really the truth. Mining creates many jobs and supports our economy in many different ways. I am strongly opposed to closing off this 340,000 acres to RESPONSIBLE mining.

Thank you for your consideration!!

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