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Comments: i strongly object to the extraction of ores & minerals, by foreign governments, for their benefit, with little if any enforcement by the National Forests, of overseeing the destruction of the forests, the restoration of the forests, the impairment of our national treasure lands, including wildlife, air quality, sound & light quality of the atmosphere, water quality & quantity & no remuneration to our nation for the damage done or the product removed. on another level, as a resident of Patagonia, i object to the mining efforts that directly are so costly to the town & its residents; the overuse of our water supply, the damage & repair costs incurred by oversize mining vehicles on our roads, and the economic real estate downturn that will be encountered on any residential area within 100 miles of an active mining operation.

we need to save our planet; not try to cash in on it. and the NATIONAL FOREST personnel & offices have a sworn obligation to protect these lands. please do your job in protecting these lands.