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Comments: Thank you for your prompt reply. I have had such a horrendous time trying to permit one of my placer claims with HLCNF that I am very suspicious of any esoteric language in any proposed new new management plan. I think plain language works best. For example, regarding restoration, written as "disturbed acreage will be reshaped and reseeded as per FS direction" usually suffices. Leaving in a "productive capacity" opens the door to all kinds of frivolous lawsuits by the perpetual protesting crowd, in my view.

As for the "discretionary" statement, if not for access then why for sale of minerals from unpatented claims. To my knowledge, this situation has never arisen, and leads me to wonder who is writing this section and what is their education and experience background to do so professionally and realistically.

All of this, in my view, supports my contention that we should request a moratorium on the Management Plan revision process throughout FS until all this can be sorted out and the importance of mineral development on public lands is recognized by public land managers. This means going back to the original intent of the 1897 Organic Act.

Thank you again for your time

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