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Comments: The area covered by this POO has a high probability of containing a significant mineral resource. The region has a long history of mineral exploration and is not a pristine wilderness area. Past development and exploration here was only halted due to political pressures and not due to lack of prospectively. In addition, the current exploration program has very little impact as much of the proposed disturbances are on previously disturbed and un-reclaimed areas. Regardless, bonding and reclamation requirement insure any disturbance will likely be repaired. Further, the likely discovery scenario is that high grade mineralization susceptible to underground mining methods is discovered and developed leading to a smaller and more easily managed operations. The project should be allowed to proceed and expanded as needed to accommodate future exploration.