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Dear Forest Service,

This mining proposal has clearly divided our community. One thing I believe that we can all agree on is that the DEIS is incredibly complex and anything but a short read. Perhaps everyone can also agree that these are incredibly challenging and unprecedented times. In the face of a global pandemic we are all trying to figure out how to make money and do our jobs differently. Remote learning for kids and remote work for adults has not been easy for anyone. Finding quality time to consume this EIS is a hardship within itself.

This mining proposal and the DEIS itself took years to develop with multiple set-backs and delays. There needs to be at least a 120-day review process of the EIS before comments can be closed. This is reasonable. This is prudent. Anyone looking down on this scenario from a 10,000' view with an objective lens would agree that the comment period should not be rushed into a 45-day window.

There is simply too much at risk here.

Please demonstrate that genuine and calculated mitigations are in place for a proposal of this scale by providing due diligence and a comment period duration that allows us all to digest this massive document.

Thank you for doing what is right and what is fair.

If you are unable to extend the comment period, will you make yourselves available to discuss your reasoning?

Will you be transparent in your decision making process?

~Nate Ostis