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Comments: Thank you for the opportunity to comment. I urge you to go through an Environmental Assessment for this project #58629. This should not be a categorical exclusion. This project will affect scarce water supplies and listed and/or endangered species. It will require new roads, closed access and safety concerns. Step by step, you will categorically exclude projects rather than conduct a full NEPA review that is required and necessary. Failure to look at the wide ranging impacts of mining across the landscape will leave us with no native flora and fauna, no scenic landscapes and vistas, no recreational opportunities and no water. One activity - mining - should not be allowed to negate all the other uses of our U.S. National Forests.

Please do not grant this project a Categorical Exclusion. Thank you.