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Comments: Hi There!

[NB: These comments presume the FS and Third-party Contractors are familiar with the myriad acronyms associated with NEPA and minerals activity processes. Thus I shall boldly and brazenly use acronyms in this short comment note!]

The DEIS presents the findings of the extensively analyzed array of alternatives considered for the SGP. Alternative 2 appears the most appropriate to achieve the Purpose and Need for the undertaking for all parties and notably the proponent. It further conforms with FS regs under 36CFR228, other federal and state regs including CWA, NHPA, etc.

Having been to the site, knowing the history and environmental issues associated with the site, and with a bit of experience in mining environmental management, the other alternatives, while possibly attractive to a narrow perspective, do not allow for the achievement of both metal production and environmental remediation. Alternative 2 provides an opportunity to 'mine for closure.' This approach, pioneered some years ago by Battle Mountain Gold and Newmont Mining at the Phoenix Mine in northern NV, allowed the operator to address long standing environmental legacies while sustaining local employment, producing metals demanded by society, and generating wealth for the region, state, and nation.

Please proceed with completion of the NEPA compliance phase of the SGP and issue the FEIS and make the appropriate decisions to advance this project. The environment and economy will both benefit.

Thanks for your consideration!

Jeff White