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Comments: To Whom it May Concern,

Ouray Silver Mines has proven to be a conscientious and responsible operator in a very sensitive mining district. These claims should be granted as they do nothing but allow OSR to continue mining and providing economic stability to a region recovering from COVID 19. Even more important is the fact that these claims are strictly for underground extraction as opposed to construction of new adits, shafts or pits. Since there is no surface impact with these claims, it is important to consider the water treatment aspect of the proposed claims. When evaluating OSR's environmental performance thus far, it is evident that they have conducted themselves in an exemplary manner by partnering with local NGOs to insure no harm comes to the Uncompahgre watershed and employing state of the art water treatment techniques/facilities.

As a Mining Engineer (not affiliated with OSR) and a Ouray Native, I fully support this claim expansion and hope to see an expedient review and approval by the USFS.

Thank you for your time,

Thomas Fedel