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Comments: I have several concerns regarding the project. While I appreciate the steps to remediate the damage that has been done in the past, I am very concerned about the future damage that will be caused. This includes the permanent loss of natural resources; the permanent damage to the mountains, rivers, flora and fauna, air and water; and impact to recreational use. I also have concerns about some of the processes that would be used, such as leach mining and the negative effects that would have. This has been banned in other states and seems ill-advised to allow this activity to occur.

I also have concerns on the likelihood that future mining activities would be properly remediated. If the past mining activities were allowed to occur on NFS land, why was it not already remediated? How can we be sure any of the future activity will be properly managed and remediated? Mining, oil, gas companies need to be held more responsible for the damage they do to our lands. Once the damage is done, we can't get them back. The NFS has a responsibility to ensure the lands they have been entrusted with to manage are being protected and managed in a way that best suits the public interest. I ask that you consider this when deciding on this project.