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Comments: Ouray Silver Mines has been a valuable community partner over the past 5 years, sponsoring recreational opportunities like the Via Ferrata, Ice Climbing Festivals, and July 4th parades. Their corporate citizenship has extended to infrastructure, repairing 361 after it blew out at Senator Gulch and the county could not afford the full cost. Ouray Silver Mines will provide high paying jobs (in contrast to service industry jobs) and severance tax to diversify the economy and maybe even allow the county to properly maintain its roads. The company is working with environmental organizations to clean up historic mine waste and is building a water treatment system designed to operate at low cost when mining is done. USFS should grant the fringe lease to this responsible mine operator.