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Comments: Please DO NOT allow the "not in my backyard" mentality to continue to drive natural resource management and responsible mining. This is an EXPLORATION plan--there is no decision regarding mining. Uninformed, sheep-like, cancel culture groups should not be unduly influencing these type of projects. At some point the United States will be relying upon nations like China to supply our needed resources if public land management agencies refuse to do their job and are bullied by these groups. Please approve this project utilizing a Categorical Exclusion so the necessary data can be collected to determine potential next steps.