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Comments: I object to use of USDA Forest Service lands for mining projects such as this. The mission of the USDA Forest Service is to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the Nation's forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations. Mining projects such as this run counter to the mission statement of the USDA Forest Service and should be denied. I will point out that the assessment document for the potential consequences of a tailings dam breach specifically ignores the likelihood of occurrence. Take a look at what happened with regard to the Piney Point Phosphate Plant tailings pond breach in Florida. Take a look at what has happened to Duke Energy's coal ash ponds in North Carolina. The tailings dam will fail one day with terrible environmental consequences and the people who got rich off the mine will be nowhere to be found. The forest land will be ruined. Please deny the use of Forest Service land for this project.