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Comments: To whom it may concern,

I am confused by yet another proposed gold mine on Forest Service land. Any activity on Federal land should by nature benefit the entire country, not just a few people. There is always talk of many jobs and great benefit to communities, but I have never seen that. The most notable example is the Jordon Creek mine. First the reserves were grossly over estimated(initially 200 million oz. to less than 100 million) Then the great jobs promised were fewer than we were told and lasted only 2 years. Since then the company has been doing restoration, which is still not finished over 20 years later, and we are left with a settling pond replete with arsenic and mercury. this pond is said to be safe, in perpetuity. Really??? Nothing last forever folks, and wouldn't it be grand to see a recovery of anadromous fish to be thwarted by an accident there. Think very hard about this decision. History will judge you.

Sincerely,

Joe Scott