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Comments: I am strongly opposed to this discovery project. Future mining in this area will lead to a disruption of the natural habitat and wildlife, major impacts on the aquifer and light pollution. The mission of the 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." I do not believe future possible gold mining aligns with this mission.