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Comments: I would like to express my concerns for the following issues:

1. There are private water wells in the area and I do not see the protection of those water sources being addressed. This project is very close to several homes and private wells, and the intention of drilling up to 3000 feet, both vertical and angular, could corrupt the quality and natural flow of the source water.

2. The angular drilling direction is not addressed. What protections or guarantees are there which would prevent the drilling bores from leaving USFS land and encroaching under the private land?

3. Is the exploration limited to gold? Or are the bore samples really going to be examined for any and all mineable commercial mineral or deposits, IE: lithium and uranium?

4. While I can understand the desire to operate 24 hours a day, are there any noise decibel limits on the nighttime operations?