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Comments: F3 Gold/Newark Exploration Drilling Project

1. The Newark Exploration Drilling Project as it stands should be denied. Concerns for water, roads, light and noise are all valid for an environmental impact statement to be made. This is a difficult situation the USFS is in but the F3 Gold proposal is lacking in specifics to assure safety of our water and roads. Please require an environmental impact statement for this project.

2.If the USFS does not require an environmental impact statement and that becomes the final decision - it should at the very least require a half mile radius around every drill site where no private property exists. This would ensure residents of the area a reprieve from some road destruction, noise and light we will all face given the close proximity of drill sites to our neighborhoods. This should be a national standard for any drilling/mining proposal that would at least create a buffer zone and appease communities that live next to the national forest along with others that want to benefit from the national forest. It's not ideal in this situation given the question of water but it would certainly be an improvement on the amount of destruction and turmoil that will be created with this F3 Gold/Newark proposal.