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Comments: I didn't understand this until now. "For these reasons, it is important NOT to ask for an Environmental Impact Statement. Doing an EIS can easily take more than two years. And it's not really appropriate to this situation, where we are asking for protection of the environment - withdrawing the land and water from environmental impacts.

Instead, under these circumstances, ask the US Forest Service to do an Environmental Assessment (EA). This is a shorter document that is quicker to prepare, so we're more likely to have time to get a withdrawal. And ask for a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) when the EA has been completed."

Please complete an EA. Save us from this nightmare.

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