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Comments: Targeting the complete elimination of a specific industry on designated multiple-use lands without due process is a dangerous precedent to set, and ignores the procedural requirements of NEPA. What specifically is the "Purpose and Need" of this proposed action by the USFS?

Lacking an actual proposed mine plan for this mineral withdrawal area, how will the agency identify and define alternatives to the proposed action? And more specifically, how will the agency identify and define impacts from both the proposed action and the defined alternatives? Will the environmental impacts from skyrocketing development of subdivisions and vacation homes and the ever-increasing ATV/UTV use in the same areas and wildlife habitat be fully studied as cumulative effects under NEPA? These questions and more like it REQUIRE a robust public scoping and FULL evaluation and disclosure of all impacts to the human and socioeconomic environment under nothing less than an Environmental Impact Statement.