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Comments: My problem with leasing public land to mining operations is the historic lack of the government holding the mining operator responsible for restoring the leased land back to what it was before they started operation. I am also concerned about the ongoing issue with the potential contamination of drinking water. The bottom line is that once you shut down your operation, you are held responsible for the restoration. The number of abandoned mineshafts sits as an example of the problem.