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Comments: I strongly oppose any mining activity that will disrupt the tranquility of the trail systems on these public lands. I strongly oppose any activity that will impair or inhibit public access to these lands in any form or duration that are held in trust for the enjoyment and recreation of future generations. It is my understanding this plan is exploratory and limited in duration at this point but it is a key first step to the exploitation of public lands that is not necessary and does not benefit the public in a way that outweighs continued access to the unexploited land as it sits today with trail development.

There are numerous studies and real world examples showing that trail development leads to sustained economic advancement for local communities, minimal environmental impact, and numerous health benefits. Whereas mining is exclusive in economic benefits, destructive to the environment, and does not foster community development.