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Comments: Gold exploration in the proposed area will not be beneficial. If gold is discovered this could/would induce years of public upset and anger with the forest service for allowing destruction of our community and it's natural beauty.

Even if this is just a look to see if gold is there (it is), when would we stop? When it looks like war? How much more destruction would we allow? Mining is not a clean process, environmental damage and loss of habitat would be a certainty.

Please do the right thing, we trust you to protect our public lands. Thank you for everything you do - keep it up!