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Comments: I want to express my opposition to the proposed mineral withdrawal. The withdrawal has been put forth as the solution to protecting Rapid Creek watershed and preserving cultural resources, yet, our experience and studies has shown that there is no evidence that a mineral exploration project will put the water quality of the watershed at risk. Additionally, are there specific cultural resources that have been identified within the proposed withdrawal boundaries? Identifying and preserving cultural resources are undoubtedly important, but it is essential to establish a comprehensive understanding of the specific sites and artifacts that would be affected. Since mineral explorers like ours must adhere to the Federal and State regulatory agencies strict guidelines for safe and responsible exploration activities this withdrawal is unnecessary.