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Comments: Concerning Project 64682, we ask that the Forest Service advocate increased environmental monitoring of the project area and immediate surroundings. It has been confirmed that high levels of lead have been found in local terrestrial and aquatic species. In addition, the recent fines, as levied by the EPA upon the mine operator, highlights the need for increased operations monitoring. The costs for such monitoring shall be the responsibility of the mine operator. We also recommend increasing the bonding from \$30 million to \$60 million for reclamation costs. The Hecla Green Mine is an important mineral supplier and of regional economic importance as well , however, the surrounding fishery and tourist industries should be protected and safeguarded from mine pollution because they will outlast any mineral production in economic longevity in the long term.

Thank You!