Data Submitted (UTC 11): 5/26/2024 2:20:13 AM First name: Joseph Last name: Wirth Organization: Title: Comments: My biggest concern about this project is simply why grown adults would even consider mining along the Middle Fork? Do you people \*really\* think this is a good idea??

Obviously some deranged people think the silver is valuable enough to degrade the ecosystem and recreational value of the Middle Fork, but is it \*really\* worth the time, effort and obvious ecological side effects that its extraction will inevitably require?

This isn't 1824; it's 2024. Anyone with mining aspirations within currently protected land near Breckenridge needs to grow up and find some other petty form of income. Too many people hike, dirt bike, OHV and camp along Middle Fork Swan Road, and too many animals call this area home, to make this project even remotely viable.

The Dillon Ranger District needs to go back to protecting and preserving Summit County's protected areas, because this project proposal is a clear embarrassment to their local reputation.