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Comments: Mining in territory that has been the home of indigenous peoples for thousands of years must be halted. Mining must be withdrawn and the land resuscitated, with all toxic products related to mining removed. This land is considered sacred by its original inhabitants and as an American citizen I feel responsible in part for the desecration of the land by mining. This land was beautiful and has been enjoyed by all who have visited it prior to the confiscation by settlers and corporations including the mining companies. Undeveloped land has many uses other than mining, including as a place to live, vacation, hike. The flora and fauna certainly will benefit from the withdrawal of all mining from this area and this will enhance the value of the land as a destination for nature lovers' vacations.

I ask that the Forest Service accelerate and facilitate the Withdrawal process by the Secretary of the Department of Interior.

Sincerely, Robert Fuentes, MD, FACP