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Comments: I have been involved in EIS and EA reviews as an employee of the energy industry in the past. I have no concerns with authorized and regulated mineral activities in this proposed withdrawal area.

Why is this process being rushed before the National Forest Advisory Board's meeting in November, as that Board has provided input to all previous withdrawal proposals in the past?

Why does this Draft EA fail to reference any recent mineral exploration EAs in watersheds? This proposed withdrawal is contradictory to the Administration's policy on Critical Minerals.

This withdrawal EA is completely inadequate to make an informed decision, and I urge that further work be completed before a final decision is recorded.