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Comments: To whom it may concern,

My name is Peter Kearns and I support the Hassayampa Mineral Withdrawal.

I have lived and worked in Groom Creek for the past 12 years. During this time, I have explored and recreated extensively throughout the Hassayampa River and surrounding areas. As a Program Director at Friendly Pines Camp, I have guided many children and adults hiking/ exploring through many parts of the Hassayampa River. I routinely experience its uniqueness and diversity, and have facilitated this experience for countless others.

Supporting the Mineral Withdrawal will have a positive impact for many organizations and people. There are roughly 6 camps in the Groom Creek area that regularly utilize the Hassayampa River as I've described.

4 years ago I purchased 2 acres in the Groom Creek neighborhood. This year, we will finally break-ground and build our "forever home." It took the bulk of our financial resources to purchase this land. Our fear is that any mining operations or destructive industrialized projects will negatively affect our property values and harm my family's most valuable asset.

My wife and I are expecting our first child in June! One of our sole intentions as parents is to raise our child (or children) in the beauty and freedom of the Prescott National Forest. Please support the Hassayampa Mineral Withdrawal so that the Hassayampa River may be preserved for future generations.

Thank you,

Peter