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Comments: I personally do not think this project should be approved to move forward with drilling on National Parks Land to look for graphite. This area is upstream of many recreational and drinking water supplies for the area and potential contamination from this activity should not be taken lightly. Aside from water contamination, the drilling and mining activity would disrupt the wildlife this land is supposed to provide for and ruin outdoor activities for many families like mine that spend time in the area. One must look no further than the Superfund sites in the northern hills to realize the potential problems that could arise from this activity and I do not believe it would be appropriate to do on National Parks Land that is meant for everybody, so that a few individuals can benefit from extracting the minerals.

If this project should be allowed to move forward, which I strongly oppose, it must be done with the highest concern to not contaminate any of the water or other natural resources in the area, and the work be done in such a way as to not disturb the wildlife and people around them. An environmental study should be a requirement before any drilling were to commence.