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The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) and Custer Gallatin National Forest (CGNF) are commencing the Notice of Intent and 30-day public scoping period for a joint Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to analyze the potential impacts of a proposed major amendment (Amendment 014) to state Operating Permit 00118 and the federal Stillwater Mine Plan of Operations. If approved, Amendment 014 infrastructure improvements (proposed action) would provide the waste storage capacity necessary to extend the mine's operational life up to 42 years.

YIKES! That doesn't sound good!!!!

ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW SHOULD BE DONE FIRST- ACCESSING THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT!

Also- the USA should be fazing out mining- NOT ENCOURAGING IT FOR THE NEXT 42 yrs!

AGAIN- YIKES!

Mining is destructive and harmful to the land and should be highly regulated and evaluated before extending a lease/amendment that agrees to 42 more yrs of a destructive practice!

Thank you for your consideration

Sincerely, LD