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Comments: I am writing to request that the Helena Ranger District extend the public comment period for the proposed Blue Copper Mine exploration project and hold a public hearing before making any permitting decisions.

This proposed 11,000-acre mining exploration operation could significantly degrade water quality, river function, fish and wildlife habitat, and public lands within the Little Blackfoot watershed. With 127 drill pads planned, 24/7 drilling proposed, and substantial daily water withdrawals scheduled, the Blue Copper project will disrupt life as Montanans know it in a cherished watershed.

Montanans have extensive knowledge of, and experience with, the long-term impacts of mining and deserve a meaningful opportunity to participate in decisions that could irreversibly damage streams, sensitive habitats, and the future of this watershed.

Please extend the comment period and hold a public hearing so affected communities can be fully heard.