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Comments: Greetings! As a farmer, I care about protecting our beautiful environment. Thank you for your work. I am concerned about the massive proposed mine on public lands near Helena. I respectfully ask that you hold a public hearing AND extend the public comment period for this possible mine.

I'm concerned that the Blue Copper Mine is proposed to operate on 11,000 acres of primarily public lands west of Helena.

Montanans are well-acquainted with the impacts of mining. We have plenty to say about those impacts, but I'm worried that our government agencies are limiting our opportunities to comment by fast-tracking mines with FAST-41 designations and short, barely-noticed comment windows.

A newly-proposed 11,000-acre mining exploration operation for copper, gold, silver, and tungsten spans across Helena-Lewis and Clark National Forest and BLM lands. There is currently NO public hearing and a too-brief 30-day comment period that ends July 2. I strongly object to this.

Falcon Copper is proposing up to 127 drill pads and up to 5 drill rigs that would operate 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. The project sits entirely within the Little Blackfoot River watershed, and would affect already impaired creeks, riparian zones, and water extraction of up to 24,000 gallons a day. The project would also affect habitats for protected and beloved Montana species, including the grizzly bear, Canada lynx, wolverine, bull trout, whitebark pine, monarch butterfly, and Suckley's cuckoo bumble bee.

Let's please protect these incredible creatures. Do not allow this mine to be built. Listen to the people of your state who care about this place.

Thank you for your time!