

Data Submitted (UTC 11): 6/29/2026 6:05:28 PM

First name: Jim

Last name: Bignell

Organization: Bignell Angus Ranch

Title: Ranch Owner

Comments: This mine would negatively effect us in a variety of ways. Our cattle run up there in the summer and if copper leaks into the water sources at any point it would kill them immediately, for example the impact of the Blackbird Mine in Cobalt, Idaho from 1900-1982 is still being felt today. The acid from mine drainage and contaminated runoff from site surface deposits, along with the discharges of metals severely impacted the aquatic biota of water supplies surrounding the area for miles. This specific site posed a public health hazard as well for hikers, campers...exc. I state all this just to reference another copper mine and its impact. A concern of mine is if this mine leaks into the water and contaminates it at any point and our cattle drink it, it will kill them. Not to mention all the wildlife in the area including fish.