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Comments: I am writing regarding the proposed mining exploration by the Blue Copper project. This proposed mine is located within the Little Blackfoot watershed. I am an avid fisherman of the Little Blackfoot River and believe that any mining exploration that could impact this water deserves an Environmental Impact Statement. It is my belief that the current Environmental Assessment lacks significant information about potential risks to these valuable resources.

Specifically I ask the USFS and Falcon Copper to:

? Conduct an independent modeling of groundwater, including how drilling might impact groundwater, and ground-to-surface water connections.

? Provide a more robust assurance that measures to prevent stormwater, especially historic rain-on-snow events (20-year or even 100-year events), will not result in sediment, drill fluids, or other potential contaminants entering streams.

? Provide any information about the risk of creating acid mine drainage or releasing other toxins, such as arsenic, lead or mercury into ground or surface water.

Without answering these points or providing additional baseline data, the USFS should not permit this mining activity.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment and your time to read my request.

Sincerely

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