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Comments: I appreciate the concerns expressed regarding the Bear Lodge Project. The Forest Service should thoroughly evaluate potential environmental impacts as required under NEPA. However, many of the concerns raised assume significant impacts before the environmental analysis has been completed. The Draft Mine Plan includes environmental protection measures, monitoring, mitigation, and reclamation commitments. The EIS should rely on scientific analysis and regulatory standards rather than assumptions.