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After attending the public meeting on December 28 it is clear that there is no ideal site to relocate the waste. All the proposed sites have drawbacks. Section 35 may well be the best of many bad options but that does not mean we should move forward on it. The wet spring we had this year will certainly occur countless times in the next thousand years. We do actually need to be thinking of a solution that will endure for at least that long. For that reason it does not pass the test of common sense that mineralized waste should be so close to artesian water flow. For that reason I would like to agree with the conclusion of Christine Brick of the Clark Fork Coalition. An engineered bottom liner should be a requirement of any site west of the continental divide.

Regards,

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