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To: FS-comments-northern-helena
Subject: Mike Horse Mine tailings

Dear Sirs, as a land owner along the Blackfoot River, downstream of the Mike Horse Mine, I am very concerned about the vulnerability of these tailings to floods, and the possibility of them once again being deposited into the main Blackfoot. As you are aware the last time this happened the river and the aquatic life were severely impacted. I not only use the Blackfoot for recreation, but to water my hay fields and livestock, so I have valid concerns for protecting the quality of the water.

Please act promptly to address this matter. Please make sure of a safe site to store the tailings, make sure the groundwater table is suitably protected, and keep hauling trucks off of Hwy 200. Also the concerns of the local residences should be addressed, but they should not hold up correction of the problems in 2012. This issue has been hanging over the valley for many years, the funding is in place, get the job done!

Thanks for your consideration,
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