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RE: Mike Horse

Thank you for the opportunity to "weigh in" on this controversial and important topic. I was at the meeting here in Lincoln on November 28th and thought that the Forest Service was informative and knowledgeable about choosing Section 35, but that they have little to no concern about the economic ramifications for the neighbors and community of Lincoln. Many of those who own property in Lincoln have most of their net worth tied up in real estate. Choosing Section 35 for the waste repository may make some "scientific" sense, but I believe it could be economically catastrophic to adjacent landowners, especially those down stream. While the Forest Service may think that owning property next to this site would be "no big deal" (which is basically what a representative stated during the meeting) I think this choice would have severe impact on the property valuation. Lincoln has been a long-suffering community economically, and these past few years have had a huge impact (with the slowdown in the national housing sector, logging and tourism), and we just don't need more controversy.

In short, I have yet to hear a logical reason as to why the Forest Service cannot find a way (with a \$39mm budget) to keep the tailings where they are.