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Subject: Detroit Ranger District Ruth/Morningstar Mining CERCLA Cleanup project

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Project Location and Description

The purpose of the project is to maintain forest health by removing shallow rock debris from the old mining sites of Morning Star Mine and Ruth Mine. There are no known threatened, endangered, sensitive or proposed plant species known to exist in these immediate areas. *Peltigera pacifica* has been documented nearby and is a survey and manage species, but was not located directly within the project areas. There are no other known sites of survey and manage species. There are no known invasive species within the project area. There are also no known special habitats within the project areas.

Although these projects are within or nearby riparian areas, any ground disturbing activities such as debris removal may cause some erosion in the short term, but the benefits of this removal in the long term are beneficial for this habitat. Restoring this soil to its native soil will promote native vegetation growth and the habitat to return to its natural form.

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