



Thompson Creek Mine Expansion and Land Exchange Environmental Impact Statement



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✓ SUP LEX 45.1

The land swap would be beneficial To all parties concern and/or involved. Also public access To more hunting areas

✓ REC 45.2

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My career is at Thompson Creek mine. This is important to me personally and for the county. I am active with the Horizon's Group (poverty reduction) and sit on the Challis board of Chamber of Commerce. This EIS is important for the community and the businesses. Thompson Creek Mining Company has demonstrated in many ways their commitment to doing the job right.

✓ EIS 46.1
✓ SUP MINE 46.3

SUC 4/6/12

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Email wtaylor@tcmek.com

Date 8-24-10 Meeting Location (if applicable) Challis Junction

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SOC 47.1

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Thompson Creek is a asset to the community of Challis and surrounding area. Expansion of the Mine is necessary to keep Custer County and surrounding areas a thriving community. Thompson Creek Mine supports community and school activities. Thompson Creek puts a lot money in taxes to the community. 1st and 2nd generation of families work at TCM. Keeps families together.

ECON 47.2

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To Whom It May Concern:

✓ SUP MINE 48.1

I am writing in support of the modified plan as proposed by TCMC. I have lived in Custer County for 60+ years. Prior to 1980, Custer County was one of the poorest counties in the nation. Most of the students who graduated from our schools moved away because there were no jobs. The few jobs that were available, however, were in resource industries such as mining, logging, grazing, and recreation which included hunting and fishing. The jobs that existed on the public lands were managed under the multiple use concept by the Forest Service and BLM. I believe that this system worked quite well.

Then in 1980, an economic miracle happened. This was the construction and opening of the Thompson Creek molybdenum mine. In the last 30 years, Custer County has gone from a very poor county to a very prosperous county. Today our nation and this state are experiencing devastating and possibly catastrophic economic times, yet because of our molybdenum mine, Custer County is an economic bright spot. The mine has brought jobs, low property taxes, created infrastructure such as water and sewer, enhanced our educational system with new buildings while supplying molybdenum not only to this country but as an export to other countries as well.

✓ ECON 48.2

That being said, I believe that it is imperative that the mine operation continues and that a modified plan be agreed upon with the Forest Service, BLM and TCMC working together and once again using the multiple use concept as their guide. I hope that the government and all parties involved will, of course, use common sense, eliminate radical opinions from outside extremists, and do what is right for this county, our state, and our country as a whole. Our nation needs jobs, and as a nation, we must produce more than we consume. Over the last 30 years, the Thompson Creek Mine has done an excellent job of fulfilling the production part of this equation

✓ SUP MINE 48.3

✓ GEN 48.4

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Title Mine Operations Organization Thompson Creek Mine

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✓ SUP MINE 49.1

I Am all for Thompson Creeks phase 8 protect My Husband works in the Enviornment Dept at Thompson Creek Mine. I know first hand on how much they and Thompson Creek Mine care for the enviornment. They go to extreme lengths to protect it. The Mine as A whole does this AS well Challis is A small Comonity. Thompson Creek Mine is my livelyhood as

✓ GEN 49.2

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Sandy, Utah 84093

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Comment continued:

✓ Econ 49.3
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49.3

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well of 100's of people in Challis. Challis
needs Thompson Creek for our community.
A lot of people will have to move from
this area including me and my husband
if it was not able to continue to stay
open. It needs this Phase 8 project to do
so. Our economy needs Thompson Creek as
well. I love my job and this community. I do not



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Title ENGINEER Organization TCMC

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City CHALLIS State ID Zip 83226

Email _____

Date 8-24-10 Meeting Location (if applicable) CHALLIS MIDDLE SCHOOL

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✓ GEN 50.1

I WORK FOR THOMPSON CREEK AND LOVE THE AREA. I APPRECIATE THE RESPONSIBLE MANNER TCMC OPERATES. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS EXPANSION APPROVED TO SUSTAIN THE CHALLIS AREA ECONOMY.

✓ ELON 50.2

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 Title OWNER Organization THE BENJAMIN JAMES
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 Email browles@custerid.net
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good for local economy - expansion
good for tourism - opens up sportsman access

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① Extending the mine life to 2025 and longer has a very significant economic impact in central Idaho.

② TCM employees and management pride themselves as being environmentally sensitive because we live here and believe that we can continue to take care of our surroundings.

③ This project opens up thousands of acres to sportman access thus attracting tourists & sportman from around the globe to recreate here.

52.1 ECON
52.2 GEN
52.3 REC

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④ A "no action" alternative makes no sense to anyone, there are no benefits to closing the mine after Ph 7.

⑤ Time is of the essence for completing the EIS process to avoid impacting negatively operations and employment.

Thanks for your interest and diligence in this process!
- Howler

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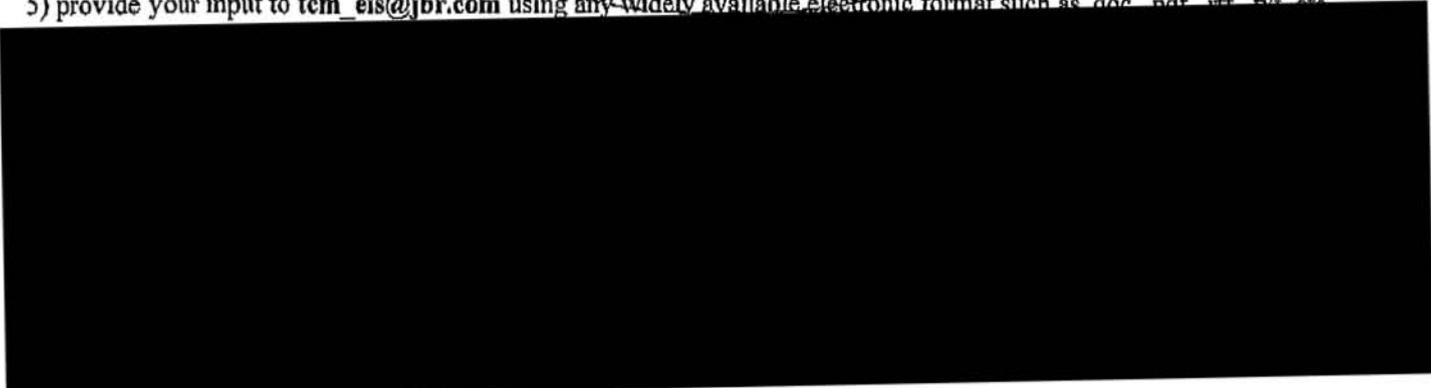
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The Thompson Creek Mine is highly important for our success, as an Industrial Distributor.

It will be a welcome relief, to know, that potentially this mine could go another 15 years.

The financial impact Thompson Creek has is too great for "No Action" to be taken.

The EIS should be expedited to assure mining operations are not interrupted.

53.1 SOC
53.2 NO ACTION
53.3 SUP MINE

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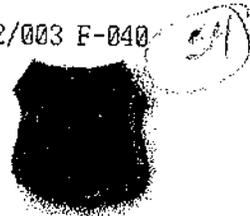
High quality jobs need to stay in this country.
It would be good if Government agreed
and would move quickly on the EIS approval.

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I have been involved with the Thompson Creek Mine in various areas since its inception and now as a key vendor. As an Idaho native, geologist and mining professional for the last 26 years, I feel a "No Action" Alternative would negatively impact the region, have no positive environmental benefits and potentially cut short the life of a mine producing important metals for our nations benefit. The mine's outstanding environmental compliance record must be taken into consideration

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From: E. Joel Christoffersen

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and I feel strongly the BLM should complete the
EIS quickly and without prejudice or bias to avoid
any interruption to the current mining operations as
well as the local economic conditions in the
surrounding community. Thanks for the opportunity
to comment & feel free to contact me if necessary.

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Thompson Creek has a proven record of responsible actions with regard to it's mining activities. They are an integral part of the local economy, and should be given every consideration possible to proceed with their proposed Modified Mining Plan. The EIS should only consider the effects of the modified plan on additional Federal land. Based on their Environmental and Social record over the last 25+ years; there is no basis to think the company's action would deviate from their historical values or actions. I would reccommend that the EIS process move forward quickly to assure no costly interruption in the mining operation.

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Name Glenda Ebberts County Custer, Idaho

Title _____ Organization _____

Mailing Address 620 11th Street

City Challis State Idaho Zip 83226

Email _____

Date 08-24-2010 Meeting Location (if applicable) _____

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Thompson Creek's excellent record of environmental compliance during the 15 years the mine has been in operation should be taken into account as well. _____ 57.1 GEN

Thompson Creek Mine is important to job, your business or family as local economy? _____ 57.2 ECON

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Name Dennis A. Goodwin County Custer

Title Site Tech. Organization Thompson Creek Mining Company

Mailing Address P.O. Box 1232

City Challis State Id. Zip 83226

Email NA

Date Tue. Aug 24 2010 Meeting Location (if applicable) _____

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Thompson Creek Mine is very important to me as an employee, husband of a local business owner, and father of three. Thompson Creek Mine is also very important to all the other 375+ full time employees not counting contractors, that they also employ. There are many other businesses in several surrounding counties, and states that are greatly benefited from Thompson Creek mine and its employees. Thompson Creek mine also has an excellent record of environmental compliance during the last 25+ years it has been in operation, and not to forget Thompson Creek mine has an excellent environmental team!

58.1 ECON
58.2 GEN

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 Email lwolfenbarger@tcreek.com
 Date 8/24/10 Meeting Location (if applicable) _____

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This^{mine} is very important for my job and for many of my family & friends. Thompson Creek affects the economy of not only Custer County but also many of the surrounding counties. TCM employs many people from everywhere. I was born and raised here, and would love to raise my child here.

59.1 ECON

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City Moose Key State Id Zip 87251

Email _____

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I see no reason the mine expansion should not be allowed.

60.1 SUP MINE

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Praxair, Inc.
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Dear Mr. Buck

My name is Dennis Birch and I represent Praxair Distribution Inc. We are a large corporation that sells and distributes welding supplies in the southeastern part of Idaho. We have been very fortunate to have done business with Thompson Creek Mines since the building of the mine in 1983. The mine is very important to our business and our local economy.

61.1 ECON

The folks at Thompson Creek have always exhibited a great concern for the environment and their record on environmental issues should be taken into consideration in the EIS.

61.2 GEN

Maintaining the mining operation through the year 2025 would be a great benefit to our company as well the local economy of Challis, Idaho and surrounding areas. Thompson Creek has been very generous to the local schools, businesses and individuals in that area.

61.3 ECON

I would hope that the EIS will include the direct and indirect social and economical effects of the proposed action. The EIS should only address environmental impacts of the modified plan as submitted by TCMC.

61.5 GEN

61.4 SOC

I understand that a "No Action" alternative must be included in the EIS ; however, a No Action alternative would have an extremely negative impact on the region and would have no environmental benefits..

61.6 NO ACTION

I would hope that the BLM should complete the EIS process as quickly as possible to avoid any interruption in the mining operations at TCMC.

61.7 SUP MINE

Thank you very much for the opportunity to submit my comments.

Sincerely

Dennis J Birch
Branch Manger
Praxair Dist. Inc.
1380 North Skyline Dr.
Idaho Falls, Idaho 83402



**STINKER
STORES**

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Boise, Idaho 83707
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Fax 208-375-5715

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August 26, 2010

COMM

Thompson Creek Mine EIS
c/o Brian Buck, JBR Environmental Consultants
8160 South Highland Drive
Sandy, Utah 84093

Dear Mr. Buck:

Stinker Stores and our employees **support** the Thompson Creek application for a Modified Plan of Operations that proposes continuing mining operations through 2025. Thompson Creek Mine is a valued and important customer for our company. The mine purchases motor fuel, equipment maintenance supplies, and replacement parts from Stinker's retail store in Challis, Idaho.

62.1
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Thompson Creek is an excellent corporate citizen with high standards for safety and employee conduct. The jobs Thompson Creek provides its workers are high paying and stable. Thompson Creek has been an integral part of the Central Idaho economy for decades and is committed to operating the mine in a safe and environmentally sound manner for the duration of mining operations and final mine closure. The current economy is a challenge for nearly every business and their employees. Challis is most fortunate to have the Thompson Creek Mine as a major employer and economic force in the community.

62.3
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Thompson Creek Mine's safety record and environmental compliance over 25+ years of operation is outstanding. That safety and compliance record was produced by hard working employees and a corporate culture that embraces safety and environmental compliance.

62.4
ECON

Expansion and continued operation of the Thompson Creek Mine is vital to the economy of Central Idaho. I urge the BLM to complete the EIS as quickly as possible so that mining operations are not interrupted.

62.5
ECON

62.6
SUPPLIES

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this vital issue.

Sincerely,
Stinker Stores, Inc.


Charley D. Jones
President



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 Email CJONES@STINKER.COM
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AND I SUPPORT IT'S APPLICATION FOR A MODIFIED
MINING PLAN OF OPERATIONS.
PLEASE REVIEW THE ACCOMPANYING LETTER FOR
ADDITIONAL COMMENTS.

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Title _____ Organization _____

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Email _____

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Email davis.jay88@yahoo.com

Date 8/25/10 Meeting Location (if applicable) _____

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I AM in support of the mine expansion, one of my concerns - which I have discussed w/BLM) was the mine may have been "black marked" into Trading Broken way Ranch for more ground. I was assured it was the mines idea. IF it was not then - it would be a different matter. Please allow Thompson creek to continue to mine, it is good for the economy of the valley + us - as product is needed.

64.2 OFF

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*64.3 ECON
64.4 Thank you
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Jay*

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Title Fishing Guide - Salmon River Organization Sawtooth Fishing Guides

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Email juliepat@ruralnetwork.net

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thanks for the chance to comment on this.

My concerns at this point are:

1. utmost protection for the Salmon River - no chance of tailing spill and protection of current river resource
2. Don't think it is necessary to destroy historic structures (old homestead blp) on parcels D, E and F
3. Include development of a boat ramp and parking in recreation facilities on parcels D, E, F

thanks and please keep me updated

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Date 8/24/10 Meeting Location (if applicable) Challis Middle School

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This expansion of Thompson Creek mine is vital for the community of Custer and neighboring counties. our lives and our children's growing up here is essential for future generation. The economy feeds off of Thompson Creek mine. If the mine dies the Economy takes a big hit. As far as the Environment goes we have a proven track record of not disturbing the wildlife in their natural habitat. The waters are not contaminated with waste from the mine Thompson Creek mine goes above and beyond their duties.

67.1 EIS 67.1 EIS 67.1 WTR

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67.1 EIS
67.1 WTR

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Sandy, Utah 84093

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Comment continued:

This mine is my livelihood. Along with my family and their families. Let this mine and community flourish and don't take the money away from Challis & other cities. Help keep the jobs of over 300+ people. Rebuild the Economy and America

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Name Gordon Hammond County Lewisi

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Email g.hammond@yaho.com

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I am For direct land Sale To Thompson Creek Mine, The National Center For Policy Analysis point out, the National parks suffer From a \$9 Billion-plus backlog For repairs, maintenance and Improvements. How is the government going To pay For the proposals # 2006 To manage the land.

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Name Lawrence Fox County Franklin

Title _____ Organization _____

Mailing Address 16205 N. Cleveland Road

City Preston State Idaho Zip 83263

Email _____

Date 8/28/2010 Meeting Location (if applicable) _____

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The proposed land exchange with Thompson Creek Mining Co. if it is to be approved should have several conditions in place.

- 1) TCMC would remove unwanted structures. 69.1
SEL
- 2) If permitting (404) process is quicker & simpler while in private ownership than public, that TCMC get necessary permits for down renewal on Lyon Cree 69.2
SEL
- 3) Since it is a significant amount of land leaving public ownership that at the completion of mining and when all reclamation goals have been met, that a easment be in force to allow the public access 69.3
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and to cross the exchanged lands. This would allow people to see for themselves that TCMC has restored and potentially improved habitat. It also would allow full use of surrounding NFA BLM lands. As long as there is no fee hunting it could also limit TCMC's liability under Idaho law, _____ 69.4 REC

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Thank you for your comment!

From:

L. Fox

16205 N. Cleveland Rd

Preston, ID 83263

POCATELLO ID 832

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Name Pam Conley County ADA
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 Mailing Address POB 8261
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 Email pam-conley@g.com
 Date 8-29-10 Meeting Location (if applicable) _____

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- _____ Explain the mining oversight regulations that would apply to the project if the land exchange were to happen (TCMC owns the land) verses the land remaining public land. } TO.1
GIED
- _____ Examine the effects of a tailing dam leak (major and minor) and impacts to adjacent creeks and the Salmon River. The area is prone to earthquakes, access an earthquake scenario. } TO.2
WTR
- _____ Examine the long term plans for dealing with acid mine drainage, including funds to pay for it, for when the mine is no longer operational (either due to early closure or ore body mined out.) } TO.3
WTR

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Title _____ Organization _____

Mailing Address 80516 Sage Run Lane

City Middleton State ID Zip 83644

Email jdorale@yahoo.com

Date 8/29/2010 Meeting Location (if applicable) _____

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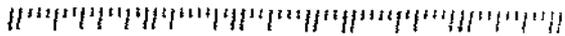
As a businessman who is still surviving in this depression, I feel that a viable business like an ongoing mining operation should be encouraged. I also feel that the income generated by the sale of moly to foreign enterprises can be helpful to our financial strength. I am sure that the jobs provided by the mine are beneficial to the communities.

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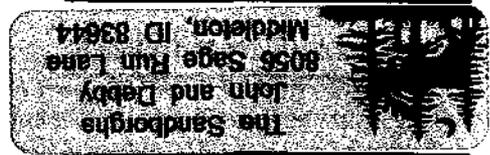
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Sandy, Utah 84093



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FROM:

Thank you for your comment!

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Comment continued:

Where the workers live.
From what I understand the impact on the
environment will not be increased.
I feel the Thompson Creek Mine Expansion should
be allowed to utilize the resources outlined
in the project description.

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71.5 SUP MINE

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Williams Development, LLC
2920 N. Green Valley Pkwy. Ste. 723
Henderson, Nevada 89014
Phone: (702) 898-7330
Fax: (702) 898-7512

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To: BRIAN BUCK From: ROSS WILLIAMS / REBIRD
Fax: 801-942-1852 Pages: 3 MINE
Phone: _____ Date: _____
Re: _____ CC: _____

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Title OWNER Organization REDBIRD MINE

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Email SATO.BAILEY@AOL.COM

Date 8/31/10 Meeting Location (if applicable) _____

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August 31, 2010

Mr. Brian Buck
Thompson Creek Mine EIS
JBR Environmental Consultants
8160 South Highland Drive
Sandy, UT 84093

Re: Thompson Creek Mine Land Exchange

Dear Mr. Buck:

I am the owner of the Redbird Mine, which is the only private land holding neighboring the Thompson Creek Mine (TCM). I am in receipt of, and have read, the Scoping Letter and Project Description, dated August 3, sent out by the Forest Service and Bureau of Land Management.

72.1
SUP MINE

The people at TCM and I have a cordial relationship. They are a good neighbor to me and I try to be the same to them. In general, I am supportive of their APOO and the land exchange except for the eastern boundary of what would be their new property line. This line would butt up against my property with no buffer zone whatsoever. I am adamantly opposed to this for the following reasons:

1. TCM is a heavy industrial user of our area to the highest order of magnitude. Ours is a vacation property where my family and I enjoy the quiet serenity and idyllic nature of the Squaw Creek drainage. Our two uses are totally incompatible, and therefore require a buffer zone in order for each of us not to infringe on the other party. I see absolutely no reason for the land exchange area to extend north of the TCM entrance along Squaw Creek Road, or east of the ridgeline which runs north-south and is just west of my property.
2. I have a pending direct sale in process with the BLM. Due to the recession, this was put on hold for the time being, but I would like to resume it as early as possible. To date, I have over \$100,000 invested this process and some of the land under consideration for my direct sale is included in the proposed TCM land exchange. This land is in the Squaw Creek drainage north of the Bruno Creek split, and borders my property. It would make no sense for this property to be owned by someone other than myself and could cause conflict in the future if that happened.

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- 3. Having a heavy industrial user such as TCM owning land right next door will negatively affect my property value. Again, our valley is quiet, secluded, and private. Being completely surrounded by public land has a significant benefit and market value which would be eliminated in the event the land exchange goes through as proposed.

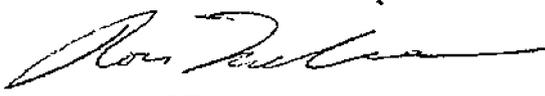
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Again, I am opposed to any land north of Bruno Creek or east of the ridgeline mentioned above being included in the TCM land exchange. As an alternative, the acreage to TCM could be reduced, or expanded to the south on the west side of Squaw Creek Road. Other than that, I support what TCM is proposing in their APOO and land exchange.

72.6 SCL
72.7 SCL

Please feel free to contact me at the numbers below or by email.

Sincerely yours,



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 O: 702.898.7330
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cc: Ken Gardner, BLM Challis Field Office

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Karma Childs

From: Dave Kikkert
Sent: Thursday, September 02, 2010 10:19 AM
To: Karma Childs
Subject: FW: Thompson Creek Mine

Indiv -

From: Jennifer Robbins Smith [mailto:threehappycampers@hotmail.com]
Posted At: Friday, August 27, 2010 5:35 PM
Posted To: Thompson Creek
Conversation: Thompson Creek Mine
Subject: Thompson Creek Mine

I am writing to ask that you take into account the intrinsic value of the Thompson Creek area as you prepare the EIS for this proposed expansion. While I understand the government agencies want public lands to provide many uses, financial gains from our natural resources are not always the only value the landscape has to offer. We must also be good stewards of the land, not only for our own future generations but for those of the surrounding flora and fauna as well. It is imperative we ensure that this expansion will not compromise watersheds and water sources for humans and wildlife alike. We must also demand that the surrounding soil be kept safe from potential contamination. Disturbance to flora and fauna should be at a minimum as well. It would be my preference that this project not go forward at all, but if it should, it is necessary that TCMC take every precaution necessary to protect the natural state of the landscape and wildlife.

Thank you,
Jennifer Robbins Smith
325 Resseguie St
Boise, Idaho 83702

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74.1 SUP MINE

COMMENT (use back side if you need additional space or attach additional sheets)

I VERY MUCH SUPPORT THE THOMPSON CREEK MINE EXPANSION AND LAND EXCHANGE. TCM HAS DEMONSTRATED THEY CAN BE WISE STEWARDS OF OUR PRECIOUS LANDS. TCM IS AN IMPORTANT PART OF OUR LOCAL AND STATE ECONOMIES. I ENCOURAGE THE BLM TO COMPLETE THE EIS PROCESS QUICKLY TO AVOID ANY INTERRUPTION IN MINING OPERATIONS. I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT:

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SUP
MINE

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Comments: Thompson Creek Mine Expansion and Land Exchange

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Jeffrey Yeo
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- 1. I am opposed to the sale of public lands to accommodate commercial resource exploitation of natural resources as might result from the APOO. I also am opposed to the proposed exchange of 5000 acres of public lands for 900 acres of private lands owned by Thompson Creek Mine Company (TCMC). I'm not familiar with the Garden Creek property but I am with the Broken Wing Ranch. Although the appraised value may make them comparable based on an evaluation of undeveloped public land compared to ranch property, the public lands are irreplaceable. The offered private lands will not add commensurate value to the public domain and likely will be sold as they add little to natural resource management or public education. So in reality this amounts to selling off public lands, not a useful land exchange.
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OFF

- 2. Although there is water quality monitoring information contained in the online project information, if I understand it correctly, it is only that information collected by TCMC not by IDEQ, EPA, or other independent agencies. There's a long history of mines promoting themselves as environmentally sensitive yet, in fact, seriously polluting adjacent waters, e.g. the Clayton Silver mine and the Blackbird Mine on a tributary of Panther Creek. So the public can't judge the environmental hazard posed by the proposed mine expansion without honest, comprehensive records of the overall environmental impact of the existing mine and its 30 year history of use.
 - 75.4
WTR

- 3. The Salmon River and its tributaries have been the dumping ground for mine waste and run-off for over a century. There's been a progressive decline in water quality and, in the face of severe population declines of salmon and other species, expansion of mine operations is unwarranted.
 - 75.5
WTR
FISH

- 4. I'm skeptical of a commercial consulting firm handling an EIS. I realize public agency staff is overwhelmed with many projects but there should be a clear statement of the role the consulting firm is playing in the EIS and who they are paid by.
 - 75.6
EIS

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8/28/2010

Envir

Thompson Creek Mine EIS
c/o Brian Buck
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Sandy, Utah 84093

RE: Thompson Creek Mine Land Exchange Comments

Dear Mr. Brian Buck,

Below are my comments on the proposed Thompson Creek Mine Land Exchange.

I believe the Thompson Creek Mine has been exemplary in controlling and minimizing environmental damages in their operations over the years, so I am not opposed to reasonable mine expansion along the margins of the existing mine disturbance as would occur for Phase 8 of the Amended Plan of Operations, or to a consolidation of private mine land parcels on the high ridge tops, uplands above the two watersheds of Thompson Creek and Squaw Creek. But, I am opposed to the transfer of public land beyond these requested expansions. I am opposed most strongly to the transfer of public land along Thompson Creek and its immediate watershed breaks to the east, and I am also opposed most strongly to the extraordinarily large transfer of public land to the east of the mine down to and including the public land section of Squaw Creek.

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OPP LEX 76.3

I understand that in partial compensation for transfer of this public land to the Thompson Creek Mine there is a proposed trade for the Broken Wing Ranch. With my knowledge of Thompson Creek through work and my Masters project, and my knowledge of Squaw Creek through work, compared to my work visiting the Broken Wing Ranch I do not believe the exchange is fair. In just acreage alone the exchange is hugely inequitable, but beyond that, the natural environmental resource values of Thompson and Squaw Creek watersheds are of incomparable value to the resource values found on the Broken Wing operating ranch including the Salmon River frontage and Lyon Creek.

OPP LEX 76.4

Thompson Creek is an approximately 12 mile long anadromous tributary to the Salmon River protected in its entirety from 1/2 mile from its mouth to its headwaters by it being public land managed by both the Forest Service and BLM. With the last 20 years of good management in cooperation with grazing rights and the Thompson Creek Mines excellent care in use of the corridor for access, piping of water from the Salmon River and power transfer, Thompson Creek now runs as fairly close to any natural wild stream I have ever found in the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness Area. This tributary is free-flowing with no manmade barriers, it has an intact naturally functioning riparian and aquatic ecosystem. It supports wildlife including deer, elk, moose and beaver, and its water is home to an incredibly populous and rich variety of species including Steelhead trout, Bull trout and Chinook salmon juveniles which I observed during a snorkel survey

2 miles up from the mouth. Currently it supports both Steelhead and Chinook spawning in its lower reaches. Even though Buckskin Creek and Pat Hughes Creek are overlaid by mine tailings they currently are not impacting to any severe degree the excellent functioning of this watershed.

There has been discussion on establishing a permanent conservation easement for the Thompson Creek stream corridor. If this is so, why are we giving away such incredibly valuable land to a mining company? The Thompson Creek Mine now maintains its road access, its pipelines and power lines along the Thompson Creek stream corridor with almost impunity. Given intensive environmental analysis there are now little to no restrictions as to their normal operations, no paper work, no permits required for the ongoing operations of these facilities for the mine. If management of the mine was of concern in ownership of the Thompson Creek stream corridor it is misleading and incorrect. The mine currently operates fairly uninhibited and will also most likely be given the permission for expansion of its area of disturbance with extension of tailings down Buckskin Creek and Pat Hughes Creek. For the estimated 25 year predicted further life span of the Thompson Creek Mine the requested Phase 8 Expansion and current uninhibited use of the Thompson Creek stream corridor should be adequate compensation for our needs for minerals for this country. The Thompson Creek Mine does not need to be given such a huge valuable piece of real estate of which it has no use for. This land and stream corridor is better left in the hands of the public to assure long term protection of it.

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I am opposed to the proposed large transfer of public land to the east of the Thompson Creek Mine which would expand private mine land approximately 1.5 to 3 miles eastward to the Squaw Creek stream channel. This large amount of acreage proposed for this transfer is way in excess of need for current and future operations of the mine. The proposed Phase 8 Expansion extends only a small fraction of this distance eastward and should be adequate for the projected life time of this mine. The huge amount of acreage proposed to be given away appears to provide no future use for the mine. These uplands are home to a wide variety of wildlife and provide recreational and hunting access for the public. Again, giving away natural, fully functioning stream corridors to a mining company is not in the public's best interest. These uplands and watersheds are best protected by being left in the care of the United States as public land. The natural resource value of Squaw Creek, again as with Thompson Creek, is in no way comparable to the land offered as trade. Squaw Creek is an intact, free flowing anadromous tributary to the Salmon River. It runs approximately 20 miles from mouth to headwaters, has a larger flow than Thompson Creek and historically supported Chinook salmon spawning prior to times of severe water loss near the mouth due to past irrigation practices. Since that time fish screens and measurable headgates have replaced the old open ditch irrigation system and water should now flow down the natural channel in sufficient quantities to support Chinook salmon migration up into this tributary for reestablishment of the spawning runs. Even though the lower 4 miles of Squaw Creek is privately owned, the majority by the Thompson Creek Mine it is managed very close to natural conditions with use limited to agricultural. The Squaw Creek watershed, riparian and aquatic

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ecosystems are intact and functioning and improving under current private and public management.

As with Thompson Creek, there has been discussion on establishing a permanent conservation easement for the Squaw Creek stream corridor. If this is so why are we giving away such valuable natural resources to a mining company? The sections of Squaw Creek managed by BLM and the Forest Service that are proposed to be given away in this exchange are upstream of the Thompson Creek Mine access road which is at Bruno Creek, so there are no mining management issues associated with the road and stream corridor along Squaw Creek above this mine access road. I can see no need for the Thompson Creek Mine to own the Squaw Creek stream corridor.

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I do not feel that the acquisition of the Broken Wing Ranch by the BLM is a wise decision. This ranch is composed of resource values that are predominantly agricultural. I understand and agree that this ranch would need to be leased and continue to operate as a ranch to prevent weeds overtaking the pastures, but, because of this, value as public land will be biased predominantly towards agricultural and livestock pasture use. The general public would have to be kept out of this ranch for it to operate properly, therefore the use and value of this land would benefit only the lessee -- 1 local family. I believe the oversight management of this ranch will be difficult given that the BLM staff is already understaffed with enormous workloads in management of the allotments that they do have. I am open to the possibility that the University of Idaho could oversee management sufficiently.

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My alternative proposal would be to allow expansion needed for Phase 8 along the outside margins of the mine area and consolidation between parcels in the center area of the mine. In no way should either of the Thompson Creek or Squaw Creek stream corridors and adjacent watersheds be given to the mine. With the age of computerized GIS digitizing, acreage surrounded by erratic, complicated boundary lines can easily be calculated. I believe boundary lines should naturally be kept more complicated surrounding mine expansions - parceled out in incremental steps to encourage minimization of disturbance area and natural resource damage.

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Thankyou and Sincerely,

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Karma Childs

From: Dave Kikkert
Sent: Thursday, September 02, 2010 10:18 AM
To: Karma Childs
Subject: FW: Request for extension of Thompson Creek Mine Expansion comment period
Attachments: Thompson Creek extension request.docx; Thompson Creek FOIA 8.2010.doc

From: jrobison@idahoconservation.org [mailto:jrobison@idahoconservation.org]
Posted At: Monday, August 16, 2010 6:45 PM
Posted To: Thompson Creek
Conversation: Request for extension of Thompson Creek Mine Expansion comment period
Subject: Request for extension of Thompson Creek Mine Expansion comment period

Ken Gardner

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August 16, 2010
RE: Request for extension of Thompson Creek Mine Expansion comment period

Dear Ken,

Thank you for hosting an open house on the Thompson Creek Mine Expansion in Boise next week. Idaho Conservation League staff and members appreciate the opportunity to learn more about this complicated proposal. I particularly appreciated having the opportunity to tour the Broken Wing Ranch with Dave Rosenkrance earlier this month.

Because both our organization and our members have a large amount of interest in this project, we are asking you to consider an extension of the comment period. First, we are submitting a Freedom of Information Act request for the project record index (see attached). Upon review of the project record index, we plan on requesting and reviewing particular reports. Once we receive them, it will take our staff some time to review these reports and incorporate our analysis into our comments.

Second, because our staff members who specialize on mining issues will be gone for protracted periods in August for field trips for other mining projects, an extension of the comment period would allow them additional time to review the project record and provide more substantive comments. Additional time is particularly helpful given the complex nature of the Thompson Creek mine and related land exchange issues.

Third, our staff would like an opportunity to tour the project before the end of the comment period. In particular, we are interested in touring the expansion of the Pat Hughes waste rock pile. As you may recall, the 2008 Experimental Stewardship field trip focused on the open pit and did not review the particulars of this expansion. Because staff schedules through August are already quite full, extending the comment period would greatly facilitate accommodating our different schedules.

Lastly, many Idaho Conservation League members who are interested in this project are currently away on summer travels and would also benefit from an extension of the comment period. As such, we request a reasonable extension of the comment period until October 2, 2010.

Thank you for considering our request,

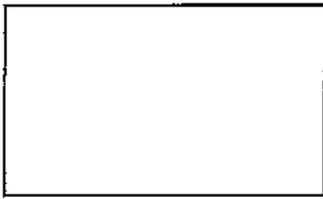
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Attachments: Scoping comments on Thompson Creek Mine Expansion.doc

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September 1, 2010

RE: Comments on the Thompson Creek Mine Environmental Impact Statement: Mine Expansion, 404 Permit, Land Use Plan Amendment, and Federal Land Disposal

Thank you for considering our scoping comments on the Thompson Creek Mine Environmental Impact Statement: Mine Expansion, 404 Permit, Land Use Plan Amendment, and Federal Land Disposal. Since 1973, the Idaho Conservation League has worked to protect and Idaho's clean water, wilderness, and quality of life through citizen action, public education, and professional advocacy. The Idaho Conservation League has a long history of involvement with mining and water quality issues. As Idaho's largest statewide conservation organization, ICL represents members from around the state -- many of whom have a deep personal interest protecting our land, water, fish, and wildlife from both unavoidable and avoidable adverse effects resulting from mining operations.

I appreciate having had the chance to tour the Thompson Creek Mine as part of the Challis Experimental Stewardship tour two years ago and the Broken Wing Ranch this summer with Dave Rosenkrance. Our primary concerns with these proposals relate to water quality issues, bonding for water treatment after mine closure, compliance with the Clean Water Act, adequacy of the regulatory environment and fair value for land exchanges.

We suggest that the BLM develop additional alternatives that are more protective of water quality in both near and long term and are designed to further minimize the need for post-closure water treatment. This environmental analysis is also an appropriate time to review bonding requirements for the mine and how these requirements and oversight may vary according to different alternatives. Regarding the land exchange, we are concerned that the appraisal process does not adequately reflect the true value of the BLM land proposed for disposal. We suggest that the BLM develop additional alternatives of private lands for exchange in the event that the land trade evaluations require additional private properties. We also request the opportunity to tour the project area on October 6, 2010 to become better informed on this complex proposal. Our specific comments are below. Please keep us on the mailing list for all public notices regarding this proposal.

Sincerely,

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Idaho Conservation League comments on the Thompson Creek Mine Environmental Impact Statement: Mine Expansion, 404 Permit, Land Use Plan Amendment, and Federal Land Disposal

WR 77.1
Air quality

The BLM should design alternatives that minimize air pollution risks. We would like to be involved in the permitting review process. The continued use of large amounts of diesel fuel can have harmful local impacts. In addition, Thompson Creek Mine should upgrade equipment and power supplies to reduce harmful emissions. As one alternative, former mine sites have the potential to be developed as renewable energy facilities should resources (wind, geothermal, solar) be available.

AWR 77.2

AWR 77.1 (same)

Water quantity

The BLM should design alternatives reflect increased water conservation. We appreciate the current recycling of water when possible and encourage the BLM to incorporate additional measures.

WR 77.3

Water rights

The Thompson Creek Mining Company needs to first acquire all water rights that will be required for future expansion efforts before proceeding with any expansion efforts.

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Tailings in Bruno Creek

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With the expansion of the tailings dam, we are concerned about the loss of wetlands, floodplains and riparian habitat in Bruno Creek both upstream and downstream of the tailings dam. We believe that this action entails dumping potentially toxic waste material into water of the United States which is inconsistent with the Clean Water Act. If Bruno Creek or other waterways are not meeting beneficial uses, the disposal of any pollutants (including sediment) in these waterways needs to be consistent with any established TMDLs or alternate sources of disposal need to be identified.

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Tailings impoundment issues

We are concerned about the potential for toxins to enter the environment once the tailings impoundment is revegetated. In particular, wetlands plants may absorb and concentrate contaminants. To better encapsulate any hazardous materials, we suggest installing a Geosynthetic Clay Liner Laminate over all potentially hazardous materials covered by a sufficient layer of coarse drain material with growth media on top to prevent any release of hazardous materials. Any cap layer must also be designed to ensure that the acid-generating materials within the tailings impoundment stay submerged and saturated.

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Because of concerns over long term stability of the tailings impoundment in a geologically active area, the BLM should evaluate another alternative in which the tailings are relocated back into the main pit (or other geologically stable area). While rehandling this material would require considerable expense, the BLM should compare this with the cost of dealing with a catastrophic dam failure, renewed acid generation, and effects of downstream public health and fisheries issues. The pit should be double lined with ground water monitoring, capturing, pumping and treatment capabilities should groundwater fail to meet water quality standards.

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Visual resources

To help address visual resources, a mine closure plan needs to include additional information on the type, pattern and projected ecological succession on all reclaimed areas. We suggest first refilling pits to the maximum extent possible. Where external waste rock pits will remain, we suggest recountouring them in such a way that they blend into the surrounding environment instead of remaining in ziggurat form.

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Wildlife

We are concerned about impacts to wildlife from exposure to contaminated water sources after mining operations have ceased. As mentioned elsewhere, mine operations need to be designed to prevent water contamination issues to the maximum extent possible and to have a contingency plan to treat water in perpetuity after mine closure. We are particularly concerned about adverse impacts to birds and other wildlife if the pit lake water does not consistently meet water quality standards.

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Water management

The scoping notice states that at the end of mine life or during any short-term closures, the water could be discharged at NPDES Outfall 002 or 005 and that the pit would gradually fill with water, but some pit water could also be pumped to NPDES outfall 005. The DEIS should project whether the water identified for discharge or exposed in a pit lake would meet water quality standards. If not, additional alternatives need to be developed to ensure that these standards are met.

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Alternative development

The BLM should show how water quality issues such as acid mine drainage will be addressed under each alternative. In addition, the BLM should describe how water quality issues will be addressed after mine closure.

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To address acid-mine drainage issues, waste rock and ore need to be more carefully evaluated, segregated and handled. Redundant systems need to be in place in the event that water contamination continues to be an issue. Waste rock pits need to be covered (we suggest geosynthetic clay liner laminate) and double-lined with water capture, pumping and treatment capabilities. In addition, downgradient water capture systems should be developed.

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Regulatory environment

One aspect that the BLM has not identified as a scoping issue is the regulatory environment under different management scenarios. The environmental effects of unplanned issues such as acid mine drainage, accidental leaks and spills, and failure of design features can be greatly mitigated if they are noticed earlier rather than later. In addition, functioning of mitigation measures also improves with monitoring efforts. Should these issues require additional funds, properly bonded projects are more easily fixed. As such, the DEIS should compare the number of agency inspections, the depth of these inspections, the frequency of bonding review, bonding amounts, the past history of bonding increases, and the amount of imposed fines for violations under different management scenarios.

OTHER
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Land exchange

The proposed land consists of the Broken Wing Ranch, 6 miles northeast of Clayton in Custer County, Idaho, and the Garden Creek property, 16 miles south of Pocatello in Bannock County, Idaho. We are concerned that the appraisal process does not adequately reflect the true value of the BLM land proposed for disposal. To understand the value of the BLM land, the EIS should calculate the costs if the BLM land were not available for use as an expanded dump site and Thompson Creek had to find another suitable location to dispose of this material. In essence, the use of the BLM land will allow Thompson Creek to extract significant amounts of ore worth of significant value. This evaluation should be considered with traditional appraisals that assess timber or development potential.

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Furthermore, we suggest that the BLM develop additional alternatives of private lands for exchange in the event that the land trade evaluations require additional private properties. While both the Broken Wing Ranch and Garden Creek property have value to the public, there are other tracts of private land that should be considered. These include private inholdings and mining claims in the White Clouds, Frank Church River of

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No Return Wilderness, and Sawtooth National Recreation Area. We would be happy to sit down with the project proponents and describe these properties in more detail.

In addition to the land exchange, there is an issue of addressing existing problematic land use issues on these parcels before transferring them to public ownership. We appreciate the fact that significant improvements are proposed in the Lyon Creek watershed and are interested in learning more details. Other improvements that should be considered include fencing riparian and other areas from livestock grazing, improving road and trail systems to reduce resource impacts, closing, rehabilitating and signing roads and trails that are problematic.

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We are concerned about the development of an Idaho Parks and Recreation Campground on the Broken Wing property when there already is a wheelchair accessible campground immediately upstream at the confluence of the Salmon River and the East Fork Salmon River. Before a new campground is considered, the negative effects of increasing use, particularly increased motorized use, in the area should be carefully considered. Any campground should be on the river right or east side of the Salmon River and not on the west side.

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We are concerned that the road accessing the Lyon Creek property from the south is in poor condition. The main access road that parallels the river crosses several high-gradient streambeds which regularly wash out the road. Continued use of this road contributes to sedimentation to the Salmon River. We suggest developing alternative routes to access this property and potentially closing the existing routes or converting them to trails.

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Regarding the existing private bridge which accesses the Lyon Creek property, we realize that engineering and liability issues likely preclude use by the public in full-sized vehicles. One alternative might be allowing pedestrian or mountain bike use of this bridge.

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We support the exclusion of livestock from the upper meadow above the Lyon Creek property and recommend that the current two-track road that crosses Lyon Creek be converted into a non-motorized, single-track trail. This would help reduce sedimentation issues and provide increased non-motorized opportunities in the field office.

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REC 77#25

Regarding management of the upper meadow, the BLM should develop alternatives in the management plan which either maintain, improve, redesign or dismantle the current network of irrigation ditches so that more water is available in Lyon Creek for spawning of listed fish species.

FISH
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We are still concerned that the parcel identified for exchange has not been designated as available for disposal. The BLM needs to provide the reasons for why this parcel was originally excluded.

LOTTER
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In our evaluation, an expanded land exchange that includes the Broken Wing, Garden Creek and additional properties (with improved infrastructure more suitable to wildlife and public uses) is preferable to an outright sale.

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August 13, 2010

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Bureau of Land Management
Department of the Interior

Attention Mr. Brian Buck:

RE: Thompson Creek Mine EIS

Thank you for your letter (File Code BLM: 2200/3809/8120/TDI-35728(IDI030) & FS: 1950/2800) informing me of the mine expansion and land exchange proposed for the Thompson Creek Mine. As a resident of Custer County for the last 24 years, I am certainly aware of the economic importance of the Thompson Creek Mine (TCM) to the continued success of Custer County as a viable place to live. By expanding the area of the mine, it can continue to operate in a sustainable manner at a relatively stable size, in terms of the quantity of materials moved, in product generated, and as the number of employees needed to operate, well into the next decade or so. I do not have any first hand information to provide in the guidance of the scope of the EIS. Since I live in Mackay, my personal experiences are almost all relative to the Lost River Ranger District and nearby BLM lands in the Big Lost River Valley, Pahsimeroi Valley, and Little Lost River Valley. I have spent some time in the Road Creek/Spar Canyon/Herd Creek areas, as well as the Hat Creek area. I have also purchased some property near the Salmon River between Challis and Ellis. I do have first hand acquaintances with several neighbors and co-workers at the INL who have previously worked at TCM.

SOC 79.1

TCM seems to be a model mining company. From the conversations with neighbors who have worked there, or continue to work there, it is my impression that is run about as well as a multi-billion dollar company can be run. I think TCM honestly does try to be a good corporate citizen to the local community as well as to the state of Idaho and the nation. I also think TCM does try to be a good steward of the environment. Obviously, they have had some issues in the past, but they seem to have learned from them to improve their impact upon the land and upon their operation. TCM seems to be open to this very public process for their Amended Plan of Operation. There is no doubt that cost-effective minerals are vital to the success of the United States of America, especially with the economic rise of India and China, and it seems the TCM is a major player in providing a stable, cost-effective source of molybdenum. All that being said, it is important to remember that TCM exists to make a profit; and reasonable oversight to ensure compliance with reasonable rules for environmental protection and employee safety is required. The recent environmental and economic disaster in the Gulf of Mexico relative to the loss of the off-shore oil platform by British Petroleum emphasizes this importance. Balance in this oversight is the key, in my opinion. Too much restrictive regulation will result in TCM not being able to turn a profit, they will cease to exist, and Custer County will no longer be a suitable place to live. Too lax of oversight might result in a similar environmental and economic disaster to the Salmon River. That cannot be allowed to happen either.

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GEO 79.3

This is a very complex operation. Expanding the footprint to allow the mine to last another decade or so is thus also very complex. After studying the proposed actions contained within the documents which you sent to me and by looking at other sources available on the internet, I have one suggestion to perhaps look at closer during the EIS development. I am a mechanical engineer by vocation, and quite frankly I know very little about mining. But at one point in the proposal it was suggested that the slope of one of the dams would be allowed to be steeper than it currently is. I recall that it is currently of a ration of 3 to 1, horizontal to vertical. It is proposed to go to a ratio of 2.75 to 1 in the future. Obviously this is an economic decision as many more tons of material would need to be moved to maintain the ratio at 3 to 1, but it seems that might be the more prudent and less-risky thing to do, namely keep the ratio at 3 to 1, or perhaps even reducing the slope to 3.25 to 1. From looking at the websites of some of the environmental activist organizations who are adamantly opposed to the mine, it seems that catastrophic failure of a dam would be an environmental event which cannot be tolerated. By improving the robustness of the dams, i.e., by reducing the slope, the risk of dam failure is reduced. Obviously, this is a huge cost item, so it may not be economically justified, but dam failure simply cannot be tolerated, from a company perspective. As a perspective, how much would British Petroleum now be willing to pay to make sure that well did not blow out? Billions! Similarly, TCM should really look at the maintenance of their dams is a similar, risk-based perspective. The dams simply cannot fail. Making them steeper seems to be the wrong decision. So this is one topic I think the EIS could look at in some detail.

SOIL 79.4

SOIL 79.5

As to the land exchange, it looks to be unfair on the surface, but the smaller parcels located on streams are certainly worth much more than the rocky sagebrush near the mine. The land exchange seems to much a definite win for the public.

SOIL EX 79.6

Again, thank you for the notification letter, and this opportunity to comment.

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COMMENT (use back side if you need additional space or attach additional sheets)

Thompson Creek has been a responsible company with their present mining claim. I see no problem w/ expanding their scope. Expansion also helps w/ our county taxes, employment etc, which is needed. Business locally are very dependent on the local mining industry.

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ECON
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*✓ SUP MINE 81.1
SPTA 81.2*

I AM IN FULL SUPPORT OF ALL ASPECTS OF THIS PROJECT. BASED ON THE INFORMATION IN THE PROJECT DESCRIPTION, THE EXCHANGE OF THE BROKEN WING RANCH PROPERTY FOR LAND AROUND THE MINE IS MORE THAN AMPLE COMPENSATION.

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The expansion at Thompson Creek mine will be very good for the surrounding communities. It will help provide job opportunities, and help out small businesses.

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Name Bret Baird County Lemhi

Title Contractor Organization Baird Construction

Mailing Address 82 Hwy 28

City SALMON State Id. Zip 83467

Email _____

Date 8/28 Meeting Location (if applicable) _____

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1. Thompson Cr Mine is very important to our business we do close to 80% of our work there. - ECON 83.1
2. Thompson Cr is the ~~major~~ source of income for at least 6 of my employees. - ECON 83.2
3. I have worked at the mine for the last 25 years and have seen the way they protect the environment. A lot of our work is environmental. - GEN 83.3
4. With the economy the way it is a mine shut down would be a bad thing for Lemhi county as well as Custer county. SPC 83.4

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Name PERRY WHITTAKER County ADA

Title _____ Organization _____

Mailing Address 9869 W. EDNA ST

City BOISE State ID Zip 83704

Email straightdownrudy@hotmail.com

Date 9/3/10 Meeting Location (if applicable) BOISE

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SUP MINE 84-1

I recommend approval of the Amended Plan of Operations for the Thompson Creek Mine Expansion. This mine and continued molybdenum production is extremely important to the employment and financial well being of the citizens of Challis, Custer County and adjoining counties that supply the mine workforce. ✓ ECON 84.2

I have confidence that BLM, USFS and other cooperating agencies can adequately oversee the mining and subsequent re/habitatation efforts as the mine is closed. (over)

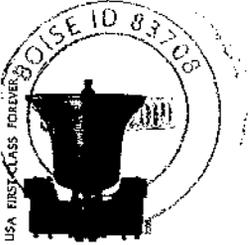
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Thompson Creek Mine EIS
c/o Brian Buck
JBR Environmental Consultants
8160 S. Highland Drive
Sandy, Utah 84093

Mr. Perry Whitaker
9869 W. Edna St.
Boise, ID 83704-4061

From:



Thank you for your comment!

To return via mail:
Fold in thirds so address is visible,
add postage, tape bottom of fold, and mail.

Comment continued:

The proposed land exchange sounds like a "win-win" deal for both the public and Thompson Cr. I just stress the importance of good appraisals that are reviewed for compliance with appraisal standards.

I support approval of all federal and state actions necessary to implement this mine expansion and the associated land exchange.

SUP LEX 8/13

SUP MINE 8/14



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Name Cliff Mechling County Lemhi

Title mine opps Organization Thompsoncreek mine

Mailing Address 705 Idaho Ave

City Salmon State Id Zip 83467

Email _____

Date 9-1-2010 Meeting Location (if applicable) _____

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ECON 85.1

more job's to help support several counties
in Idaho.

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Name Dale R. Nott County Costa

Title Mine OPPS Organization Thompson Creek Mine

Mailing Address P.O. Box 909

City Challis State Idaho Zip 83226

Email _____

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8/26/10

I feel this would be good for the company and Duster & Lemhi counties and for the people who live there

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Name Lance Barber County Custer

Title Operator Organization T.C.M.

Mailing Address 3829 E 670 N.

City Ripley State Id Zip 83442

Email _____

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It will give Thompson Creek more mine life which is a good thing for the employees and the community because the job revenue it will create.

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Name Wendell L. Jurest County Custer

Title none opps Organization TCM

Mailing Address PO BOX 1316

City Challis State ID Zip 83226

Email none

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← Brian 8/8/10

we need mining for future employment and to use as glass for animals for cows. ITS good for custer county & the state to taxes. ITS good all round.

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Name Pauline Ivie County Custer

Title Mine Ops Organization TCM

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Working here Boost the Economy — EWN 89.1

We live here therefore we do care about our environment

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Name Wendell Foie County Linh

Title Mine Op. Organization _____

Mailing Address Box 1012

City Salmon State Idaho Zip _____

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I think this needs to happen. Thompson Creek Mine is our life and way to support our families. This community needs Thompson Creek Mine for the economy for Custer County, Thompson Creek Mine is very careful about the environment as well. It takes many precautions for our environment.

✓ EIS 90.1

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✓ GEN 90.2

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Name Mark Warner County Custer

Title TCM employee Organization TCM

Mailing Address 1277 Hwy 28

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Name William J. Lindsey County Custer
 Title Equipment oper Organization Thompson Crk Mines
 Mailing Address AC 67 Box 2033
 City Challis State Id. Zip 83226

Email _____

Date 1 Sept 10 Meeting Location (if applicable) _____

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SUP LEX 92.1

The proposed land swap is important to the
longevity of the mine which is a major
contributor to economy of Custer County

ELON 92.2

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Name Jim Peninger County Custer

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I think this should happen if it's good for this community. Thompson Creek Mine is good on the environment and takes many precautions for the environment. Custer County Needs Thompson Creek Mine. It supports me and many other people in this community.

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LEMHI AND CUSTER COUNTIES NEED THIS TO HELP
KEEP THE ECONOMY GOING-

BECON 95.1

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Name Matt Lee County Lemhi

Title operator Organization TLM

Mailing Address 360 Margaret St apt. 28

City Salmon State ID Zip 83467

Email lee_matt2006@hotmail.com

Date 9/1/10 Meeting Location (if applicable) _____

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Name Gloria E. Leavitt County Lewiahi

Title Ops Organization Thompson Creek mine

Mailing Address 17 Ludington Ridge Rd

City Salmon State Id Zip 83417

Email ~~gloleavitt@salmon.com~~ gloleavitt@salmon.com

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Name Jeremy J. Reese County Butte
 Title operator Organization TCM
 Mailing Address 4700 Antelope rd.
 City Moore ID State ID Zip 83255
 Email reeseranches@yahoo.com
 Date 9/11/10 Meeting Location (if applicable) _____

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✓ SIPLX 98.1
✓ EION 98.2

I am for the land swap for the economic stability and growth for the community and my family.

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Name Joshua Summers County Custer

Title Operator Organization T.C.M.

Mailing Address P.O. Box 222

City Challis State Id Zip 83226

Email _____

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Section 99.1

Thompson Creek is important to me because its how I make my living. I believe it is important to know we are very aware of the environment and we abide by rule + regulations to keep Idaho great.

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Name JAMES CALLAGHER County CLUSTER

Title Equipment Operator Organization Thompson Creek Mine

Mailing Address HC 63 Box 1758

City Challis State IDAHO Zip 83226

Email james55gal@hotmail.com

Date 1 Sept 10 Meeting Location (if applicable) _____

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Thompson Creek is my place of employment. And extending the life of the mine is in my best interest. The community benefits when the mine is operating.

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Name Richard J. Barber County Madison

Title Mine Operator Organization _____

Mailing Address 9120 So. 400 W.

City Rexburg State Idaho Zip 83440

Email _____

Date 9-1-10 Meeting Location (if applicable) _____

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*This mine needs the expansion to lengthen the life of it
the jobs very important for the welfare of Coater County
Challis, ID. Without this the schools, town, & taxes
of this county would be in very tough times & county
would be financially in big trouble.*

*Thank you
Richard J. Barber*

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 Title H.E.D. Organization T.C.M.
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 City Challis State Idaho Zip 83226
 Email MTCOUNTRYBIFL@CUSTERTEL.NET
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T.C.M. Support More than half of Challis Community.
This Exchange Would Benefit B.L.M. City of
Challis as well as surrounding city, Salmon,
Mackay, & so forth. Thank you

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Name Michael Ammer County Custer

Title Operator Organization TLM

Mailing Address PO Box 1002

City Challis State ID Zip 83226

Email _____

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perhaps mine life and the ^{future} ~~past~~ of Custer County. As well as employment for many families.

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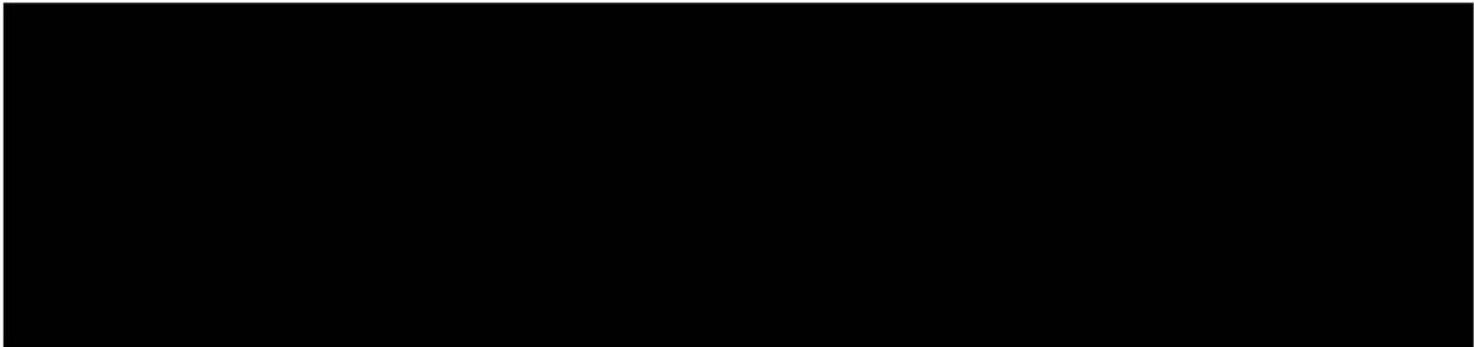


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THE LAND EXCHANGE WOULD GIVE JOB SECURITY TO THE EMPLOYEES OF TCM
AND THEIR FAMILIES. IT WOULD ALSO SUPPORT THE SURROUNDING TOWNS
AND BUSINESSES. THE COMMUNITY AND BUSINESSES WOULD GREATLY BENEFIT
FROM THIS LAND EXCHANGE.

✓ SUP LEX 104.1

✓ EWN 104.2

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 Title Equipment Operator Organization Thompson Creek mine
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 City Challis State ID Zip 83226
 Email CATTUCKDMUET1972@YAHOO.COM
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I AM AN EMPLOYEE AT TCM AND MY FAMILY + COMMUNITY
 IN GENERAL NEEDS THIS AS A SOURCE OF INCOME.

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 Title Env Mgr Organization Thompson Creek Mining Co
 Mailing Address P.O. Box 62
 City Chilton State ID Zip 83227
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Thompson Creek Mining is the largest employer in Custer County. It directly employs over 370 people, with good paying jobs as 44% of the total wages and salaries paid in Custer County are directly attributed to Thompson Creek Mine. Over 40% of the county property taxes come from TCM and its employees. It had a huge economic impact to the county and the state of Idaho as \$62,000,000 is pumped into the above economies annually. This expansion

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Sandy, Utah 84093

Place
Stamp
Here

From:

Thank you for your comment!

To return via mail:
Fold in thirds so address is visible,
add postage, tape bottom of fold, and mail.

GEN 1062

Comment continued:

will add at least 8 more years of significant economic benefit to the county and the state of Idaho. The environmental impact of the expansion will be minimal. With our 3400 acres currently permitted the addition 445 acres of disturbance will result in minimal impact to the environment. The operation is and will continue to be subject to expansion environmental permitting and monitoring activities.

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Name Jason Summers County Custer

Title operator Organization Thompson Cr. Mine

Mailing Address P.O. Box 775

City Challis State ID Zip 83226

Email djjuana@custerid.net

Date 8-25-10 Meeting Location (if applicable) _____

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The Thompson Creek Mine is very important to myself,
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Counties.

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Name Martin Sandbergh County Lemhi

Title _____ Organization _____

Mailing Address 1100 Bryan

City Salmon State Id Zip 83467

Email _____

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I myself am positively impacted because it is my lively hood. The Thompson Creek mine is a positive economic benefit in Custer and Lemhi county's. Thompson Creek is a very environmentally proactive company and the expansion will have no more impact than the present operation other than the change to the pit & dumps already there. A lot of people here benefit because of the mine.

✓ ELD 1081

- Please check box if you do **not** want your name released when comments are made public.

✓ ELD 1082

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Name Gayle Sandborgh County Lemhi

Title _____ Organization _____

Mailing Address 1100 Bryan Ave.

City Salmon State ID Zip 83467

Email msandborgh@yahoo.com

Date _____ Meeting Location (if applicable) _____

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The Thompson Creek Mine has provided many jobs in a county that has already been impacted by unemployment for a long time. Our family depends on the continuation of Thompson Creek Mine's operations for its income. Thompson Creek Mine is environmentally aware of its impact on the land and works actively to keep that impact as minimal as possible.

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Name ROGER POPSON County BENNE

Title _____ Organization _____

Mailing Address P.O. BOX 215

City North Fork State Id Zip 83426

Email _____

Date 8-23-2010 Meeting Location (if applicable) _____

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 Mailing Address P.O. Box 1265
 City Challis State ID Zip 83226
 Email csnatoli@custerid.net
 Date 8/1/10 Meeting Location (if applicable) _____

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Thompson Creek Mine is important to the economy of Custer & Lemhi counties, employing over 370 employees from both counties & even other states. Therefore the BLM should complete the EIS process as quickly as reasonably possible to avoid any interruption in mining operations at Thompson Creek. The EIS should address only the environmental impacts of the modified plan of operations as submitted by Thompson Creek. Thompson Creek has been in operation for over 25+ years & has an excellent record of environmental compliance.

L EIS III.1

L GEN III.3

L SUP MINE III.2

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 City CHALLIS State ID Zip 83226
 Email kwright@tcreek.com
 Date 9-2-10 Meeting Location (if applicable) _____

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THIS IS THE BEST THING THAT I HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH, THIS OPERATION HAS BEEN THE MOST BENEFICIAL FACTOR IN MY FAMILY'S WELL BEING. WE NEED THIS TO CONTINUE FOR ENJOYMENT THAT IT BRINGS. FROM GOOD SCHOOLS, COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND EVERYTHING ELSE THIS MINE PROVIDES FOR OUR AREA.

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Name Michael Shanafelt County Custer/Lemhi

Title Maintenance Organization Thompson Creek Metals

Mailing Address P.O. box 767

City Challis State Id Zip 83226

Email N/A

Date 8-31-10 Meeting Location (if applicable) _____

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✓ Form 113.1

I am presently an employee at TCM and this company is the livelihood of my family. I strongly believe it is crucial for TCM to stay open as long as possible for the economical development of our surrounding counties. TCM has a great environmental record and takes pride in their accomplishments. Any interruption in the mine production may have negative impacts on our families and community. I thank you for giving me the opportunity to submit my comments.

✓ GEN 113.2

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KEEP THE MINE OPEN

REC 114.2

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