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1	1.1		Gabe Sierra	I commend Thompson Creek's commitment to safety. Thompson Creek's commitment to safety is evident with its 65 percent reduction in its incidence rate from 2007 to 2013. This compares only to a 30 percent reduction for the metals mining industry as a whole over that same time period. This safety performance demonstrates the company's commitment to safety and ability to outperform its peers in reducing such incidents.	TRAN	Comment noted.	
1	1.2		Gabe Sierra	I support TCM expansion and land exchange because it will extend the life of the mine because it provides much needed employment as well as indirectly supporting the employment of many others who serve or seek to serve its operations.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
1	1.3		Gabe Sierra	Furthermore, this mine expansion will provide federal and state tax or other sources of revenue directly to the local, state, and federal government entities which will in turn support their ability to fund their various programs.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
1	1.4		Gabe Sierra	There is a high correlation between the safety and environmental commitment by management. In other words, studies have shown that when management is highly committed to environmental stewardship, they are also committed to employee safety - and vice versa.	GEN	Comment noted.	
1	1.5		Gabe Sierra	I support Thompson Creek's plans for expansion and land exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
2	2.1		Tony Ottaviano	I support the Thompson Creek plans for expansion and land exchange because they are a responsible operator with a commitment to environmental safety. Their safety incident rate decline 65 percent since 2007 compared to overall industry declining half that rate.	TRAN	Comment noted.	
2	2.2		Tony Ottaviano	Also they generate tax revenue for the local area, state, and federal treasury. Expansion will result in higher tax revenue.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
3	3.1		Jason Obermeyer	Please add me to the TCM EIS project mailing list.	MAI	Your address has been added to the mailing list.	
4	4.1		Jay Davis	In Paragraph 1 you refer to public land as public land. True statement it is. In Paragraph 2 you refer to public land as federal land - not true, it is public land administered by the agencies. And so on in the letter. I know these items are not the issue but these are confusing to the general populous and I would prefer to have them always referred to as Public lands.	MISC	The two terms are synonymous. However, the BLM commonly refers to BLM-administered lands as public lands whereas the Forest Service commonly refers to Forest Service-administered lands as National Forest System lands. Therefore, Federal land is used in the EIS to refer to both types of public lands. A footnote was added to the FEIS to clarify the situation.	
4	4.2		Jay Davis	I support the project, Thompson Creek has been a real asset to Challis and Salmon.	GEN	Comment noted.	
5	5.1	Integra Realty Resources San Antonio	Annette Glen	Please add my name to the mailing list for future updates.	MAI	Your address has been added to the mailing list.	
6	6.1	State Representative, Legislature of the State of Idaho, District 8	Representative Lenore Barrett	I am writing in support of TCM's proposed action as outlined in the March 21, 2014 Federal Register. I encourage BLM's approval of the Proposed Modification to the TCM Plan of Operations, which include proposals for the mine's expansion and land exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
6	6.2	State Representative, Legislature of the State of Idaho, District 8	Representative Lenore Barrett	As a resident of Challis, I can attest to TCM's commitment to our community and their economic importance to this area and to the state. The mine lies within my legislative district, District 8, which includes Boise, Custer, Gem, Lemhi, and Valley Counties. Thompson Creek has been a good neighbor and community partner and I support their proposals to extend the life of the mine. The importance of TCM to Central Idaho is difficult to overstate. It has been in operation for more than three decades and has played a major role in the community and the region by providing hundreds of good-paying jobs and significant support for our schools, businesses, and community organizations. TCM is a dominant contributor to the tax base in Custer County and important to the tax revenues for the state of Idaho. Thompson Creek is recognized as a major producer of the world's molybdenum supply and a contributor to the economic growth and stability of Idaho. It is important that the mine expansion and the land exchange move forward immediately.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
6	6.3	State Representative, Legislature of the State of Idaho, District 8	Representative Lenore Barrett	As a supporter of the mining industry in Central Idaho and statewide, I urge the BLM to approve this proposal in a timely manner and encourage continuous operations by TCM.	GEN	Comment noted.	
7	7.1	Speaker of the House, House of Representatives State of Idaho	Scott C. Bedke	As Speaker of the Idaho House of Representatives, I am writing in support of the TCM proposal to expand operations and in favor of the preferred alternatives as outlined in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Resource Management Plan Amendment. I encourage the BLM to approve the proposed mine expansion and land exchange. These actions benefit the citizens of Idaho by sustaining the economy of central Idaho and providing access to valuable public land along the Salmon River corridor.	GEN	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
7	7.2	Speaker of the House, House of Representatives State of Idaho	Scott C. Bedke	It is my understanding that under this proposal, Thompson Creek will continue to develop its molybdenum mine in an economical, technologically feasible and safe manner.	GEN	Comment noted. The Proposed Action and alternatives are presented in Chapter 2 and analyzed in Chapters 4 and 5 of the EIS.	

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7	7.3	Speaker of the House, House of Representatives State of Idaho	Scott C. Bedke	Thompson Creek's operations positively impacts mine workers and their families in Custer County and central Idaho, the many suppliers who serve the mining industry, community groups, schools and many organizations in the area and the state. The mine is a significant contributor to the tax base of Custer County and to the State of Idaho. TCM has a long history of operating in a responsible, safe, and environmentally conscientious manner and represents the type of company Idaho needs to continue to recover from the recession.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
8	8.1	Chairman, House of Representatives State of Idaho	Lawrence Denney	As Chairman of the House Resources and Conservation Committee, I have been impressed with the mine's operation and their stewardship in protecting the surrounding environment and minimizing environmental disturbances. I agree with and support the submitted proposal to expand the mine and conduct a land exchange. The TCM has a proven record of responsible action with regard to its environmental impacts and their environmental record. Their commitment to the environment should be taken into account in the EIS process because Thompson Creek has over 25 years of outstanding records. In conclusion, I fully support the efforts of TCM to expand the life of the mine and conduct a land exchange with the BLM. Companies like the TCM have proven their worth to the economy and their careful consideration of the environment should be supported.	GEN	Comment noted.	
9	9.1	State Representative, Legislature of the State of Idaho, District 8	Representative Terry Gestrin	I am in support of the proposals because I am in support of our local, state and worldwide economy. The economy of central Idaho would greatly benefit from approval of the preferred alternative. This proposal to expand the mine would allow the Thompson creek Mine to add an additional 10 years of operation which provides jobs and property taxes to the area. With the economic multiplier in effect, Thompson Creek accounts for 1 in 5 jobs in Custer County. Property taxes paid by Thompson Creek to the county make up 41 percent of the total property taxes collected by Custer County. TCM has contributed more than \$120 million in taxes to the state of Idaho in the past decade and has provided hundreds of direct jobs and benefits to Idaho families. Thompson Creek uses hundreds of local suppliers accounting for millions in goods and services spend with Idaho businesses. The worldwide economy benefits because the mine is the fourth largest primary molybdenum mine in the world, producing approximately 5- 15 percent of the world's molybdenum supply. Expanding the mine and extending operations will allow TCM to continue producing millions of pounds of molybdenum per year. Please extend the life of the mine by supporting the preferred alternative. Doing so will help contribute to our local, state, and worldwide economy in jobs, taxes, contributions, contracts with state suppliers, local scholarships and service organizations and resource groups.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
10	10.1	President Pro Tempore, Idaho State Senate	Brent Hill	I am writing in support of the preferred alternative as published in the March 21, 2014, Federal Register Notice and encourage BLM's quick approval for the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM in Central Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
10	10.2	President Pro Tempore, Idaho State Senate	Brent Hill	As the President Pro Temp of the Idaho Senate, I am an advocate for economic growth and I support companies and industries that provide good jobs with excellent benefits such as those provided by TCM.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
10	10.3	President Pro Tempore, Idaho State Senate	Brent Hill	It is also important to recognize that TCM has operated for many years in a responsible manner with many environmental protections.	GEN	Comment noted.	
10	10.4	President Pro Tempore, Idaho State Senate	Brent Hill	As Idaho looks to the future following some very difficult economic times, we encourage activities such as this proposal to help our economy recover from the last several years. Putting people to work and keeping employees in their current jobs is a huge part of recovery and it is up to us to help large employers make that happen. The TCM (TCM) in Challis, Idaho, is Custer County's largest employer with approximately 250 full-time employees. It is my understanding that if the preferred alternative for the proposed mine expansion and land exchange is accepted that TCM would not only continue to directly employ 250 full time employees, but may also be able to swing back into full operations and hire an additional 100 full time employees through 2025. TCM is not only a large employer, the jobs that TCM supplies are high paying and benefit employees, their families, and the local communities. The mine accounts for a significant portion of the total wages paid in Custer County and provides excellent benefits, safety programs, and more to its employees and their families. In addition to the environmental issues, please consider the number of jobs that are at stake when making your decisions.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
11	11.1	Idaho State Senate	Monty J. Pearce	As chairman of the Senate Resources and Environment Committee, I am writing in support of the proposed action, submitted by the TCM for the modified mining plan of operation and the proposed land exchange. Thompson Creek has an enviable record of excellence in the areas of reclamation, environmental protection and stewardship, and has been recognized by many organizations. I am excited that a company like Thompson Creek has the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. They have gone above what is lawfully expected of them to protect the environment. They have set a higher standard for other companies and I would like to see their operations continue. I encourage everyone to support the Thompson Creek proposals and ask that you do too.	GEN	Comments noted.	
12	12.1		Shane Branly	Please approve.	GEN	Comment noted.	
12	12.2		Shane Branly	Thompson has been more than just a great employer in the area, they have been a true community partner.	SOC	Comment noted.	
12	12.3		Shane Branly	I can think of no better company to grant this approval to and the land swap seems to be a win-win.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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13	13.1		William Ebberts	The Mine is an integral part of our community, and this land exchange would facilitate continued economic gains for myself, my family, and the entire community. I support TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
13	13.2		William Ebberts	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	GEN	Comment noted.	
14	14.1		Kami Corrigan	I believe this to be a good deal for everyone. I hope it all works out.	GEN	Comment noted.	
14	14.2		Charles M. Corrigan	I think that this will be a grand opportunity for both sides overall.	GEN	Comment noted.	
15	15.1		Jean Public	The USACE should never allow dumping into national waters. The plan here appears to be allowing a major polluter to run wild by hook or crook.	404	The CWA stipulates that impacts to wetlands and WUS must be mitigated. Because the MMPO action alternatives would affect 3.36-3.41 acres of wetlands and 9,899-15,505 feet of stream channels by fill and burial, these effects must be mitigated. Mitigation related to wetlands and stream channels is described in Section 4.21.4 of the EIS.	
15	15.2		Jean Public	The American people will not tolerate land disposal or pollution.	GEN	The NEPA process discloses environmental effects related to the alternatives in Chapters 4 and 5 of this EIS.	
15	15.3		Jean Public	Where is the provision for the upfront bond in the some of \$25 million for clean up costs so that this polluter doesn't go into bankruptcy and leave our land destroyed. They lease and dump - is that the plan?	SOC	See response to Comment 661.1.	
15	15.4		Jean Public	It is my opinion that none of this land should be on national land at any time.	MMPO	Comment noted. However, the BLM is directed by the Federal Land Policy and Management Act to manage lands "in a manner which recognizes the Nation's need for domestic sources of minerals, food, timber, and fiber from the public lands including implementation of the Mining and Minerals Policy Act of 1970 (84 Stat. 1876, 30 U.S.C. 21a)." Further, the Mining and Minerals Policy Act of 1970 directs federal agencies to "foster and encourage private enterprise in (among other goals) the development of domestic mineral resources and the reclamation of mined land." This applies to both the BLM and USFS.	
15	15.5		Jean Public	Let them buy private land for the pollution.	LAND	The mine will still be required to meet discharge/pollution standards.	
15	15.6		Jean Public	The US Treasury has received zero funds from this destruction of their lands.	SOC	The Secretary of the Interior, under various laws, collects the royalties and other mineral revenues due, and distributes the funds collected.	
15	15.7		Jean Public	I am appalled at the gall of offering 900 acres so they can destroy 5100 more acres - that is a nutty offer, no additional lands should be allowed to be polluted more.	GEN	As noted in Section 2.2 of the DEIS, FLPMA requires that lands being exchanged be of equal (fair market monetary) value. To achieve this, all reasonable efforts must be made to equalize the value by adding or excluding lands and/or by making a cash equalization payment, up to 25 percent of the value of the public lands leaving Federal ownership (43 CFR 2201.6). This requirement ensures that the exchange is fair, despite the inevitable difference in the areas of the offered and selected lands, since not all land is worth the same dollar amount per acre.	
15	15.8		Jean Public	As to the Alternatives: M1 - Best to close down in 2015. M2 - Awful, more rock waste. M3 - Don't want more rock waste.	MMPO	Comment noted.	

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15	15.9		Jean Public	L1 - Not a good plan for America. L2 - Appears to be a giveaway from USA taxpayers who own it. L3 - This Nation does not want to sell its land. America wants this land kept clean, with vegetation, birds, and animals being able to live on it. L4 - There should be no sale to TCMC, this Nation wants to keep its land. L5 - There should be no distribution of US lands to this profiteer. The USA public knows this is not a good plan.	LAND	As noted in Section 2.2 of the DEIS, FLPMA requires that the public interest would be well served by a land exchange. In considering whether an exchange is in the public interest, the FLPMA directs the Secretary of the Interior to "give full consideration to better Federal land management and the needs of State and local people, including needs for lands for the economy, community expansion, recreation areas, food, fiber, minerals, and fish and wildlife..." The Secretary must also find "that the values and the objectives which Federal lands or interests to be conveyed may serve if retained in Federal ownership are not more than the values of the non-Federal lands or interests and the public objectives they could serve if acquired" (FLPMA Section 206(a)). The EIS evaluates the effects to the resources such that the decision maker may evaluate if the land exchange would be in the public interest.	
16	16.1		Ms. Debbie Fisher	I am a member of the community and see the proposal as a benefit to all businesses and individuals who love living here in Challis and surrounding areas. Everyone who lives here is anxious to see our town thrive, and its exciting to hear this news.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
17	17.1		Mr. Cameron Wakefield	I've seen how much the mine supports the town and the entire community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
17	17.2		Mr. Cameron Wakefield	I also hunt very close to the mine and have seen its sites, and how little its impact has been to the resident wildlife.	WLF	Comment noted. Wildlife conditions and impacts are presented in Sections 3.7, 4.7, and 5.7.	
17	17.3		Mr. Cameron Wakefield	I am for the expansion, and hope that all who oppose take a second to investigate the current mine operations, as well as the support it offers the community.	GEN	Comment noted.	
17	17.4		Mr. Cameron Wakefield	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
18	18.1	Round Valley Rehabilitation	Cherie Strand	I have seen how strongly TCM has affected this community going beyond jobs- which are wonderful - but also the incredible donations and support this mine gives to a variety of causes and events. My children participate in the Missoula Children's Theater every year, which is made possible by donation from TCM. In addition, the schools directly benefit in many ways from the sponsorships that this mine offers (sports, academic team, library donations, etc). I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint. The sponsorship and support TCM offers helps make this community vibrant and connected to the state, country and internationally. To lose this would be detrimental to the citizens and children of this rural town. Please support the proposed expansion to help this community remain solvent and vibrant.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
19	19.1		Mr. Fred Battley	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	GEN	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
20	20.1	Nummyz	Ms. Karen Yates	I am part owner in a roadside grill that many of the mine employees love to come and eat at. Losing the mine has and will effect our business along with the local economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
20	20.2	Nummyz	Ms. Karen Yates	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho. The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	GEN	Comment noted.	
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20	20.6	Nummyz	Ms. Karen Yates	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	GEN	Comment noted.	
20	20.7	Nummyz	Ms. Karen Yates	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
20	20.8	Nummyz	Ms. Karen Yates	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
21	21.1		Terri Stillwaugh	Challis is an amazing community and relies heavily on TCM. The community would survive, but on a much smaller scale, I am sure. But it thrives with the mine running. We want our children to be able to graduate from Challis High School. Our schools benefit greatly from the support that the mine gives to the community. The town itself benefits greatly from all that TCM offers to it and its citizens. TCM is crucial to the citizens, schools and community of Challis and surrounding area.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
21	21.2		Terri Stillwaugh	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
21	21.3		Terri Stillwaugh	I support TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
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22	22.1		Alicia Hollinger	TCM has employed multiple family member including my father who supported his entire family working there since the early 1980s. Many people have had the privilege of calling Custer County home due to their employment at TCM and it would be a shame for those families to have to leave if the mine project is not extended.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
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22	22.6		Alicia Hollinger	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	GEN	Comment noted.	
23	23.1	Southwest Energy, LLC	Mr. Rory Anderson, Operations Manager	We would like to continue to see the benefits to the community that come from Thompson Creek Mining company. My employer has worked at the mine dating back to 1981. I have relatives and many friends that live in the Challis area and are dependent on their positive way of life because of the opportunities that are possible because of the mine. The good paying jobs, local schools, community events, recreational opportunities, are just a few to mention. Our company business in Idaho is dependent on the work we do for Thompson Creek Mining.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
23	23.2	Southwest Energy, LLC	Mr. Rory Anderson, Operations Manager	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho. The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	GEN	Comment noted.	
23	23.3	Southwest Energy, LLC	Mr. Rory Anderson, Operations Manager	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
24	24.1		Mr. Steve Bennett	I have a professional interest in the mine as they are a client of the company that employs me. I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy, and the state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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24	24.3		Mr. Steve Bennett	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
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25	25.1		Mrs. Danielle Ruffridge	I support this because I am an Idahoan at heart, and have been living in Nevada for five years because of the lack of geology/resource modeler jobs for my husband. I love the Salmon area and hate seeing it slowly die away. Opening and expanding this mine will bring jobs back to the town and give life back to the area. I support TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy, and for our state. Please consider this, our country has suffered enough, and job opportunities have suffered. Bring back job opportunities and end the suffering and struggles, bring life back to Custer County.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
26	26.1	Challis Joint School District #181	Mr. Peter McPherson, Superintendent	As the new Superintendent of the Challis Joint School District, I've quickly come to learn how important TCM is to the school district and community. It is evident that a strong partnership between the mine and our schools here in Custer and Lemhi counties exists. I have only been Superintendent for a short time, yet it is my understanding there is a strong history of the TCM supporting and backing the efforts of educating students in the school district. While I don't know what the long-term effect the closing of the mine may be, I am concerned that it would negatively impact both the number of students and the quality of education here in the Challis Joint School District. My hope is that the decision makers will look at all facets of their decision and continue to consider the future of our students as well.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
26	26.2	Challis Joint School District #181	Mr. Peter McPherson, Superintendent	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy. I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
27	27.1	WC Cattle	Mrs. Kami Corrigan	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	GEN	Comment noted.	
28	28.1	TCM	Mrs. LaChele Wolfenbarger, Materials Coordinator	My entire family lives here in Challis, and my husband is also employed by TCM. I could not imagine this place without the mine being part of the culture.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
28	28.2	TCM	Mrs. LaChele Wolfenbarger, Materials Coordinator	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
28	28.3	TCM	Mrs. LaChele Wolfenbarger, Materials Coordinator	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'. I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water. I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	GEN	Comments noted.	
29	29.1		Mrs. Cheyenne Clark	My husbands job at the mine is the only income our family has, if the mine were to shut down I do not know what we would do. But more importantly if the mine were to not expand into phase 8 and stay open the town of Challis would suffer immensely, because TCM helps boost the towns economy greatly.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
29	29.2		Mrs. Cheyenne Clark	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
29	29.3		Mrs. Cheyenne Clark	It would also greatly effect the economy of Challis, ID as it is one of the largest employers of citizens in Challis.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
29	29.4		Mrs. Cheyenne Clark	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	GEN	Comment noted.	
29	29.5		Mrs. Cheyenne Clark	I believe TCM is always looking out for the environment throughout their mining process, and they do far more good than harm to this environment.	GEN	Comment noted.	
29	29.6		Mrs. Cheyenne Clark	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
30	30.1	Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership	Shara Eaton, Deputy Director of the Area Agency on Aging	I am the daughter of a Thompson Creek employee and wanted to take the time to write a letter stating my support of the expansion and land exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
30	30.2	Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership	Shara Eaton, Deputy Director of the Area Agency on Aging	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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30	30.3	Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership	Shara Eaton, Deputy Director of the Area Agency on Aging	I support TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. I'm afraid of what will happen to central Idaho without TCM expansion and land exchange. Our funding here at the community action agency has and probably will receive more cuts leaving it more difficult to assist Eastern Idaho residents. Every day we hear stories, and see the tears of individuals who are struggling to make ends meet. The loss of such a vital part of central Idaho would only add to the difficulty of fulfilling our mission to help and empower at risk individuals and families to meet their basic needs.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
30	30.4	Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership	Shara Eaton, Deputy Director of the Area Agency on Aging	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	GEN	Comment noted.	
30	30.5	Eastern Idaho Community Action Partnership	Shara Eaton, Deputy Director of the Area Agency on Aging	When people lose their jobs they face immediate personal financial burdens. However, that is only the beginning. Job loss curtails family incomes, leaving a loss of purchasing power, which impacts those who own and/or work at community establishments - shops, restaurants, even dentists and veterinarians just to name a few. Children will receive burdens of worry about their family's economic situation leaving it more difficult to focus in school and soak in the knowledge needed to set them up for their own future successes. When vital components of a community are removed it will only be a matter of time before the community can no longer sustain itself.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
31	31.1		Mrs. Kim Williams	I want to write this in support of TCM.	GEN	Comment noted.	
31	31.2		Mrs. Kim Williams	I have never worked there myself, but my spouse and many of my family members have. I believe that TCM has been a great support not only for the School District but also for the community as a whole. We count on the support that they are able to provide in many ways. And we also count on the bigger employers sticking around, because what would this town be without them.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
31	31.3		Mrs. Kim Williams	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
31	31.4		Mrs. Kim Williams	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
31	31.5		Mrs. Kim Williams	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
31	31.6		Mrs. Kim Williams	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
32	32.1		Mr. Scott Lightburn	I and my family are residents of the Challis community and as such we benefit from the Thompson creek Mine. Therefore we whole heartedly support the proposed expansion and land exchange, which would continue the economic support the jobs provide this community. I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
32	32.2		Mr. Scott Lightburn	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
32	32.3		Mr. Scott Lightburn	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
32	32.4		Mr. Scott Lightburn	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
32	32.5		Mr. Scott Lightburn	I support the land exchange because it will enhance my recreational opportunities, and protect water quality and wildlife habitat.	LUR, WTR, WLF	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered parcels would provide additional recreational opportunities along the Salmon River as these lands would be open to the public. Further, if these lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the lands and resources would be managed as directed by the RMP.	
33	33.1		Mr. Lawrence Beasley	My Grandson in Law is employed at the mine, thus I know about the operation of the mine and have a personal interest in the continued operation of the mine. This is very important to the wellbeing of Custer County.	GEN	Comment noted.	
33	33.2		Mr. Lawrence Beasley	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
33	33.3		Mr. Lawrence Beasley	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
33	33.4		Mr. Lawrence Beasley	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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33	33.5		Mr. Lawrence Beasley	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
33	33.6		Mr. Lawrence Beasley	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
33	33.7		Mr. Lawrence Beasley	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	GEN	Comment noted.	
33	33.8		Mr. Lawrence Beasley	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
33	33.9		Mr. Lawrence Beasley	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
33	33.10x		Mr. Lawrence Beasley	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
34	34.1		Mrs. Mattie Bingham	Please support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
34	34.2		Mrs. Mattie Bingham	As a member of a mining family and friends to people who work at the TCM, I understand and value the positive affect that mines have on a community - especially a community as centered around mining as Challis is.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
34	34.3		Mrs. Mattie Bingham	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
34	34.4		Mrs. Mattie Bingham	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
34	34.5		Mrs. Mattie Bingham	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
34	34.6		Mrs. Mattie Bingham	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
34	34.7		Mrs. Mattie Bingham	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
34	34.8		Mrs. Mattie Bingham	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
35	35.1		Shawna Schnabel	My spouse has been an employee of the mine since its beginning. This mining operation supported our family and provided the health care benefits needed to raise our two children. The added tax base provided funding for the schools and community. I support TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
35	35.2		Shawna Schnabel	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed "Phase 8".	GEN	Comment Noted.	
35	35.3		Shawna Schnabel	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	

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35	35.4		Shawna Schnabel	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
36	36.1		Allan Wrubell	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
36	36.2		Allan Wrubell	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
36	36.3		Allan Wrubell	As a retired management employee and a property holder in the Challis area, I've been a part of and witnessed first hand the positive economic and social benefits afforded the hard working people of the Challis area and Custer county.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
37	37.1		Mrs. Luanne Berry	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
37	37.2		Mrs. Luanne Berry	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
37	37.3		Mrs. Luanne Berry	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy. I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
37	37.4		Mrs. Luanne Berry	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
37	37.5		Mrs. Luanne Berry	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
37	37.6		Mrs. Luanne Berry	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
37	37.7		Mrs. Luanne Berry	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
37	37.8		Mrs. Luanne Berry	I support the land exchange because it will enhance my recreational opportunities, and protect water quality and wildlife habitat.	LUR, WTR, WLF	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered parcels would provide additional recreational opportunities along the Salmon River as these lands would be open to the public. Further, if these lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the lands and resources would be managed as directed by the RMP.	
38	38.1		Mitchel Stachowsky	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
38	38.2		Mitchel Stachowsky	...if you don't approve this exchange you'll be throwing a good number of employees out into the street. There no jobs for these folks being separated from TCM which will cause a great majority to lose their homes, and the community will also lose some fine people, not to mention a negative economic blow on another Idaho community already in a almost starve to death situation. I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy. I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
38	38.3		Mitchel Stachowsky	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	

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38	38.4		Mitchel Stachowsky	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
38	38.5		Mitchel Stachowsky	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
38	38.6		Mitchel Stachowsky	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
38	38.7		Mitchel Stachowsky	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
38	38.8		Mitchel Stachowsky	I support the land exchange because it will enhance my recreational opportunities, and protect water quality and wildlife habitat.	LUR, WTR, WLF	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered parcels would provide additional recreational opportunities along the Salmon River as these lands would be open to the public. Further, if these lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the lands and resources would be managed as directed by the RMP.	
39	39.1		Mrs. Heidi Kubiak	I am writing you from out of state to show support for my many friends and family of Challis and Thompson Creek. Please strongly consider the impact a decision to not expand would have on the small town of Challis, a town of roughly 1000 people, a town of families who support their loved ones by making a living working at Thompson Creek. The mine really is the only employer in the area for so many. A decision to cease or reduce mining in this area would impact not only the one or two direct employees, but the 2,3, 4, 5, or 10 people they may have at home depending on them. Challis and its residence are very special, they are near and dear to my heart. My brother in law has been employed at the mine and living in Challis for nearly 17 years now. He, and every other person sharing a similar story would be negatively impacted by a decision to cease mine operations. He has 3 people living in his home, two of whom are students earning their education at the schools in Challis. The economic impact would be devastating to the town of Challis if the mine operations were not expanded and continued.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
39	39.2		Mrs. Heidi Kubiak	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	GEN	Comment noted.	
40	40.1		Darla Wornek	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	GEN	Comment noted.	
40	40.2		Darla Wornek	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
40	40.3		Darla Wornek	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
41	41.1		Adam Etringer	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
41	41.2		Adam Etringer	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
41	41.3		Adam Etringer	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'. I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	GEN	Comment noted.	
41	41.4		Adam Etringer	I support the land exchange because it will enhance my recreational opportunities, and protect water quality and wildlife habitat.	LUR, WTR, WLF	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered parcels would provide additional recreational opportunities along the Salmon River as these lands would be open to the public. Further, if these lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the lands and resources would be managed as directed by the RMP.	
41	41.5		Adam Etringer	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
41	41.6		Adam Etringer	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	

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41	41.7		Adam Etringer	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
41	41.8		Adam Etringer	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
41	41.9		Adam Etringer	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
42	42.1	Elizabeth Younger Agency, Director of Operations	Jeana Clark	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
42	42.1	Elizabeth Younger Agency, Director of Operations	Jeana Clark	I support the land exchange because it will enhance my recreational opportunities, and protect water quality and wildlife habitat.	LUR, WTR, WLF	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered parcels would provide additional recreational opportunities along the Salmon River as these lands would be open to the public. Further, if these lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the lands and resources would be managed as directed by the RMP.	
42	42.2	Elizabeth Younger Agency, Director of Operations	Jeana Clark	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
42	42.3	Elizabeth Younger Agency, Director of Operations	Jeana Clark	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment Noted.	
42	42.4	Elizabeth Younger Agency, Director of Operations	Jeana Clark	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
42	42.5	Elizabeth Younger Agency, Director of Operations	Jeana Clark	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
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42	42.8	Elizabeth Younger Agency, Director of Operations	Jeana Clark	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
42	42.9	Elizabeth Younger Agency, Director of Operations	Jeana Clark	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
43	43.1	Redneck Nailz, Owner	Mrs. Brandie Stilson	I am a strong supporter of the mine expansion. I am small business owner and firmly believe that we as Americans need to keep America afloat. The more jobs we create here the better off we will be. My Dad has been employed there for a long time, it is so great that good hard working people have the opportunity to have a great job with benefits and great pay.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
43	43.2	Redneck Nailz, Owner	Mrs. Brandie Stilson	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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43	43.3	Redneck Nailz, Owner	Mrs. Brandie Stilson	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy. I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
44	44.1	Custer County Road & Bridge, Mechanic	Mr. Raymond Whalen	The changes I have seen and experienced have impacted the community especially the younger generations who have the opportunities to further their education by the generosity of TCM with scholarships, work programs, and employment. TCM has given families the gift of raising children in a safe and community orientated environment. I hope that TCM can continue into the future with the land exchange and mine expansion. My daughter works at TCM, my granddaughters benefited from scholarships and I was able along with many others to watch our youth grow and develop into caring individuals that the people of Custer County are proud of.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
44	44.2	Custer County Road & Bridge, Mechanic	Mr. Raymond Whalen	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment Noted.	
44	44.3	Custer County Road & Bridge, Mechanic	Mr. Raymond Whalen	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
44	44.4	Custer County Road & Bridge, Mechanic	Mr. Raymond Whalen	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
45	45.1	Lyon County, Elected Official	Virgil Arellano	I support any and all uses of our public lands that generate revenues for cities, counties and states. I stand with my neighbors in Idaho in supporting the mine expansion and land exchange for TCM near Clayton Idaho. I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho. The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	GEN	Comment noted.	
45	45.2	Lyon County, Elected Official	Virgil Arellano	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
45	45.3	Lyon County, Elected Official	Virgil Arellano	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
45	45.4	Lyon County, Elected Official	Virgil Arellano	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
45	45.5	Lyon County, Elected Official	Virgil Arellano	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
45	45.6	Lyon County, Elected Official	Virgil Arellano	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
45	45.7	Lyon County, Elected Official	Virgil Arellano	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
45	45.8	Lyon County, Elected Official	Virgil Arellano	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
45	45.9	Lyon County, Elected Official	Virgil Arellano	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
46	46.1		Mrs. Kathy Whalen	I have lived in Challis since 2001. During that time I have been able to observe the impact of TCM on this area. TCM has made many sizable donations to the community. One of which is Challis Area Health Clinic. When I first moved here the clinic was struggling just to keep the doors open. Since that time many improvement to it have been made with the help of TCM donations. I have never seen a company so willing to share with the community it dwells in as TCM. The public education system here has benefited greatly by the gracious gifts of the mine.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
46	46.2		Mrs. Kathy Whalen	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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46	46.3		Mrs. Kathy Whalen	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy. I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
46	46.4		Mrs. Kathy Whalen	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
46	46.5		Mrs. Kathy Whalen	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
46	46.6		Mrs. Kathy Whalen	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
46	46.7		Mrs. Kathy Whalen	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
46	46.8		Mrs. Kathy Whalen	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
47	47.1	Natural Gas Supply Association, Director of Government Affairs	Mr. Jeff Schrade	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
47	47.2	Natural Gas Supply Association, Director of Government Affairs	Mr. Jeff Schrade	In the early 1990s I lived in Idaho Falls, Idaho, while working for a member of the U.S. Senate as his eastern Idaho director. One day a gentleman called me and said he was interested in taking ownership of the TCM. I provided some assistance and what seemed like a short time later, I was invited to speak on behalf of the Senator at the grand re-opening of the mine. Thompson Creek's operators have since been good stewards of the land and have contributed millions of dollars to the coffers of the United States government by way of taxes, fees, permits and generated thousands of dollars in state and local taxes as well. They have provided great jobs at great wages that provide a good living - enough money to pay for homes, cars, health care, and the college education of mine workers' children. Many of the jobs the mine funded were in places like Pocatello, Idaho, and Peoria, Illinois. I know firsthand because my father was the sales manager for Caterpillar in Pocatello and his sale to the TCM was the largest of his life. The machines he sold were made in Illinois and serviced by Western States Caterpillar mechanics based in Idaho. Idaho and Illinois need more of that!! The TCM has an even larger impact on the American economy. For example, I now work for the natural gas industry. The pipes and casing we use in our industry all across the nation are treated with moly to make them stronger. The presence of molybdenum significantly reduces weight for overall volume carrying capability. President Obama has made it clear he wants to get American's working - and the proposed land exchange will help make that happen.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
47	47.3	Natural Gas Supply Association, Director of Government Affairs	Mr. Jeff Schrade	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
48	48.1		Mrs. Dina Fisher	I am married to a long time employee of TCM. Our lively hood depends on this mine. It would be devastating to our family along with many other families to lose what keeps our community going. The whole town of Challis is depending on the support received from TCM!	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
48	48.2		Mrs. Dina Fisher	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
48	48.3		Mrs. Dina Fisher	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
48	48.4		Mrs. Dina Fisher	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
49	49.1		Ms. Janene Fox	I feel like they should open Phase 8 (mine expansion) even though Moly may not be at its height in price, everyone knows that in time it will increase. It always has in the 20 plus years that the Mine has been open. The Molybdenum that is produced is of a higher grade and is unique to the area. I would say that Mine has been progress at is finest for the Custer County area. Please, please keep Thompson Creek Mining Company open by opening up Phase 8 of the Mining Plan.	GEN	Comment Noted.	

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49	49.2		Ms. Janene Fox	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho. The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	GEN	Comment noted.	
49	49.3		Ms. Janene Fox	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
49	49.4		Ms. Janene Fox	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
49	49.5		Ms. Janene Fox	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
49	49.6		Ms. Janene Fox	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
50	50.1		Kimber Curt	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
50	50.2		Kimber Curt	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
50	50.3		Kimber Curt	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
50	50.4		Kimber Curt	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
51	51.1		Mrs. Caroline Cordova	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
51	51.2		Mrs. Caroline Cordova	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
51	51.3		Mrs. Caroline Cordova	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
51	51.4		Mrs. Caroline Cordova	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
52	52.1	Thompson Creek Mining Company, C.A.R.E. Facilitator	Mr. Robert Provence	...TCM has by far been the most caring employers I have ever seen. They not only care about the well being of their employees but also about the environment that surrounds us. They are also a huge life line for our community. They support numerous county, city, and school organizations. TCM also provides much needed jobs for our county and the surrounding counties.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
52	52.2	Thompson Creek Mining Company, C.A.R.E. Facilitator	Mr. Robert Provence	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
53	53.1		Mrs. Marsha Gull	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. In Central Idaho there is so much open land, I feel that the footprint left by Thompson Creek mine expansion will not upset the balance, yet will bring huge benefit to the economy and the people who live there.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
54	54.1		Mr. Zane Howe	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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54	54.2		Mr. Zane Howe	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
54	54.3		Mr. Zane Howe	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
54	54.4		Mr. Zane Howe	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
55	55.1		Douglas L. Givson, A.I.A.	Please add my name to the mailing list for this EIS.	MAI	Your address has been added to the mailing list.	
55	55.2		Douglas L. Givson, A.I.A.	In addition, please add my name to the list of individuals, residents of the State of Idaho, that support the expansion of the tailings areas and continuation of the TCM activities to the statutory timeline noted in your official publication, which appeared on this day, Sunday, April 6, 2014, in the Idaho Statesmen, published in Boise City, Ada County, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
55	55.3		Douglas L. Givson, A.I.A.	As a 1986 graduate of Challis High School, and the son of a miner that worked up "on the hill", I can state without a doubt that had our parents not had the opportunity to work at Thompson Creek, neither my sister, nor myself would have had the opportunities to attend college, start small businesses and contribute to the local economy. Mining is a fundamental industrial process that supports our country's independence and should be viewed within the strategic domain of how it provides well-paying jobs to Americans, Idahoans and residents of Custer County.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
56	56.1		Aletia Straub-Workman	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
56	56.2		Aletia Straub-Workman	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy. I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
56	56.3		Aletia Straub-Workman	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
56	56.4		Aletia Straub-Workman	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
56	56.5		Aletia Straub-Workman	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
56	56.6		Aletia Straub-Workman	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
56	56.7		Aletia Straub-Workman	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
57	57.1	Rusty Bucket Art	Mrs. Cindy Stinson	This mine is a vital source of income for the Custer and Lemhi Counties. With dwindling income opportunities in these two areas it is of utmost importance that Thompson Creek be allowed to expand. The loss of jobs and income to these two areas has had a tremendous impact on local families and businesses.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
57	57.2	Rusty Bucket Art	Mrs. Cindy Stinson	I am very concerned about the environment in these area but being involved with this mine for over 30 years I have never known them, in any capacity, to be anything but completely committed to the protection of the environment and their workers. They have one of the best track records in these two areas of any open pit mine in the United States. Their never ending quest to leave as little foot print as possible on the beauty of these mountains is admirable. Of all the mining, polar exploration and environmental cleanup companies my family has been a part of, from Thompson Creek, Haliburton, Envirocon, Brown & Root and the Raytheon Polar projects for the last 35 years, Thompson Creek is at the top, due to their stellar employee treatment and environmental dedication. Please support this expansion.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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57	57.3	Rusty Bucket Art	Mrs. Cindy Stinson	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho. The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. <u>I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.</u>	GEN	Comment noted.	
57	57.4	Rusty Bucket Art	Mrs. Cindy Stinson	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
57	57.5	Rusty Bucket Art	Mrs. Cindy Stinson	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
57	57.6	Rusty Bucket Art	Mrs. Cindy Stinson	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
58	58.1	L&H Industrial, Inc., General Manager	Mr. E. Joel Christophersen	I fully support the expansion activities of this mine. ...I feel that the continued operation of this mine is imperative for the State of Idaho, the communities and families in the region and to support low cost molybdenum production for our country.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
58	58.2	L&H Industrial, Inc., General Manager	Mr. E. Joel Christophersen	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
58	58.3	L&H Industrial, Inc., General Manager	Mr. E. Joel Christophersen	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, <u>community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.</u>	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
58	58.4	L&H Industrial, Inc., General Manager	Mr. E. Joel Christophersen	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
58	58.5	L&H Industrial, Inc., General Manager	Mr. E. Joel Christophersen	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
58	58.6	L&H Industrial, Inc., General Manager	Mr. E. Joel Christophersen	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
58	58.7	L&H Industrial, Inc., General Manager	Mr. E. Joel Christophersen	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
58	58.8	L&H Industrial, Inc., General Manager	Mr. E. Joel Christophersen	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
59	59.1		Mr. William Lance	I am concerned at the lack of high paying job opportunities in the United States. Allowing responsible companies like Thompson Creek to continue to develop our Natural Resources will provide these high paying jobs. I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
60	60.1		Michael Bembenek	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
60	60.2		Michael Bembenek	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
60	60.3		Michael Bembenek	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	

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61	61.1		Mr. Wayne Horbert	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
61	61.2		Mr. Wayne Horbert	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
62	62.1	White Oak Builders, Vice President	Mr. Jerry Baker	I have family members who share in the economic contribution of the TCM. We appreciate this clean, safe and responsible venture. We fully support the proposed expansion plans and land exchange by a company with such great attention to our environmental concerns. We love the central part of the USA and appreciate when any company can contribute to the employment opportunities and while responsibly paying State and federal taxes all the while improving their safety record. I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
62	62.2	White Oak Builders, Vice President	Mr. Jerry Baker	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
62	62.3	White Oak Builders, Vice President	Mr. Jerry Baker	I support the land exchange because it will enhance my recreational opportunities, and protect water quality and wildlife habitat.	LUR, WTR, WLF	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered parcels would provide additional recreational opportunities along the Salmon River as these lands would be open to the public. Further, if these lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the lands and resources would be managed as directed by the RMP.	
63	63.1		Chris Bachofner	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho	GEN	Comment noted.	
64	64.1		Mr. John Lantz	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
64	64.10		Mr. John Lantz	Today, too many of our countries economic and even defense interests are outsourced to other countries, in my opinion, often times due to over regulation, as a result of petty political party interests. It would be refreshing to see a decision made, that's a positive for our countries overall environmental, economic, and national security self interests, enhancing and benefiting all parties involved, including the private, public, and governmental agencies and beyond, as the case appears to be here today. Therefore, I enthusiastically support the proposal before you and under consideration, for the local, national, and international best interests that it represents.	GEN	Comment noted.	
64	64.2		Mr. John Lantz	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
64	64.3		Mr. John Lantz	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
64	64.4		Mr. John Lantz	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
64	64.5		Mr. John Lantz	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
64	64.6		Mr. John Lantz	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
64	64.7		Mr. John Lantz	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
64	64.8		Mr. John Lantz	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
64	64.9		Mr. John Lantz	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
65	65.1		Terry Lebrecht	Please add me to your project email list for the Thompson Creek Mining Company land exchange in Challis, ID.	MAI	You have been added to the address list.	
66	66.1		Cindy Crane	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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66	66.2		Cindy Crane	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
66	66.3		Cindy Crane	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'. I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	GEN	Comment noted.	
66	66.4		Cindy Crane	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
66	66.5		Cindy Crane	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
66	66.6		Cindy Crane	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
67	67.1		Tina Trusnovec	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
67	67.2		Tina Trusnovec	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy. I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
67	67.3		Tina Trusnovec	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
67	67.4		Tina Trusnovec	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
68	68.1		Mrs. Vicky Blood	This affects friends in my community and the community as a whole. Don't let the mine close!	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
68	68.2		Mrs. Vicky Blood	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
68	68.3		Mrs. Vicky Blood	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
68	68.4		Mrs. Vicky Blood	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
68	68.5		Mrs. Vicky Blood	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
68	68.6		Mrs. Vicky Blood	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
69	69.1		Mr. Ryan Nigg	I have a lot of family and friends that live in Challis. I have family members who work for Thompson Creek, including my father. Without the mine my parents and little brother would be forced to move elsewhere in order to have a job that pays well enough. Growing up these past few years being on my own I have realized how great of a community Challis is and all of the great people who reside there. I also have worked for Thompson Creek. If it wasn't for them I probably wouldn't be where I am today. They introduced me to their internship program that they have for being a diesel technician. They got me started in my life and have supplied me with a way to gain knowledge about a profession that I love. Without them I probably wouldn't of even gone to college.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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69	69.3		Mr. Ryan Nigg	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
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69	69.6		Mr. Ryan Nigg	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
70	70.1	URS, Equipment Superintendent	Mr. Frank Johnson	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
70	70.2	URS, Equipment Superintendent	Mr. Frank Johnson	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy. I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
70	70.3	URS, Equipment Superintendent	Mr. Frank Johnson	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
70	70.4	URS, Equipment Superintendent	Mr. Frank Johnson	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
70	70.5	URS, Equipment Superintendent	Mr. Frank Johnson	I support the land exchange because it will enhance my recreational opportunities, and protect water quality and wildlife habitat.	LUR, WTR, WLF	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered parcels would provide additional recreational opportunities along the Salmon River as these lands would be open to the public. Further, if these lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the lands and resources would be managed as directed by the RMP.	
71	71.1	Western States, Mechanic	Mr. John-David Morgan	Mine safety and EPA complying and is a major economic asset.	GEN	Comments noted.	
71	71.2	Western States, Mechanic	Mr. John-David Morgan	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
71	71.3	Western States, Mechanic	Mr. John-David Morgan	I have worked at this mine for Caterpillar and they do a great job at being responsible. All that work there hunt, fish, and love the area and want to keep it clean for future of there children.	GEN	Comments noted.	
72	72.1		Larrell Adams	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
72	72.2		Larrell Adams	If it wasn't for the mine my family would not be where it is today. My husband is currently employed there and even though is not home half of the time it still has been a blessing. There is not much job opportunity here in Salmon or in Challis area. Thompson Creek employs many in our community. If the opportunity was no longer there it would economically and personally hurt these small towns. As well as other communities here in Idaho. They make contributions to schools and other organizations.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
73	73.1		Lindsay Swensen	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho. The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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73	73.3		Lindsay Swensen	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
73	73.4		Lindsay Swensen	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'. I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	GEN	Comment noted.	
74	74.1	School District 25	Ms. Laura McDevitt	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
74	74.2	School District 25	Ms. Laura McDevitt	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
74	74.3	School District 25	Ms. Laura McDevitt	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'. I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	GEN	Comment noted.	
74	74.4	School District 25	Ms. Laura McDevitt	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
74	74.5	School District 25	Ms. Laura McDevitt	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
74	74.6	School District 25	Ms. Laura McDevitt	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
74	74.7	School District 25	Ms. Laura McDevitt	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
74	74.8	School District 25	Ms. Laura McDevitt	I support the land exchange because it will enhance my recreational opportunities, and protect water quality and wildlife habitat.	LUR, WTR, WLF	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered parcels would provide additional recreational opportunities along the Salmon River as these lands would be open to the public. Further, if these lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the lands and resources would be managed as directed by the RMP.	
74	74.9	School District 25	Ms. Laura McDevitt	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
75	75.1	EBCO, Assistant Superintendent, Hotel Construction	Cindy Eller	It is my opinion that the loss of this operation would once again devastate the local economy, would greatly hurt those I love that depend upon their awesome jobs at this facility and would be a great loss to the state of Idaho.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
75	75.2	EBCO, Assistant Superintendent, Hotel Construction	Cindy Eller	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
75	75.3	EBCO, Assistant Superintendent, Hotel Construction	Cindy Eller	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy. I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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75	75.5	EBCO, Assistant Superintendent, Hotel Construction	Cindy Eller	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
75	75.6	EBCO, Assistant Superintendent, Hotel Construction	Cindy Eller	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
75	75.7	EBCO, Assistant Superintendent, Hotel Construction	Cindy Eller	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
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76	76.1	WSECO, Field Service Technician	Brad Wheeler	The USA needs Thompson Creek.	GEN	Comment noted.	
77	77.1	Debco Construction, Operator	Mr. John Wyatt	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
77	77.2	Debco Construction, Operator	Mr. John Wyatt	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy. I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint. I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
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78	78.1		Mr. Wayne Bower	I support TCM. I have hauled a few loads of Caterpillar parts to that mine and a lot of people work there. They support the state of Idaho and the businesses in the state. Idaho has every mineral imaginable and we need to be producing these valuable elements. I farm now in my older age and those people who work there eat. I need them Idaho needs them. Keep Thompson Creek moving forward.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
78	78.2		Mr. Wayne Bower	I support the proposed mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
78	78.3		Mr. Wayne Bower	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
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79	79.1		Mrs. Dajuana Summers	My husband is employed by TCM and has been for the past 8 years. Not only does Thompson Creek employ a lot of local people, but also offers insurance and is a strong community supporter for not only Challis, but Salmon also. I would love to see Thompson Creek continue to stay open for the employees so they can stay close to home, but also the local businesses and schools. Even my job at the hospital in Salmon would be affected negatively without Thompson Creek.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
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80	80.1		Bonnie Parker	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
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80	80.8		Bonnie Parker	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
81	81.1		Alexandra Butch	The hospital where I work in Salmon, Idaho (Steele Memorial Medical Center or SMMC) serves the people of Lemhi and Custer counties. There are many people who work at SMMC who have spouses that work at TCM. If TCM were to close down, it would significantly impact SMMC and our towns of Salmon and Challis, as there would be a mass exodus. There just are so few places to work here. My friends here at SMMC would have to move with their families to wherever there are jobs.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
81	81.10		Alexandra Butch	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
81	81.11		Alexandra Butch	I support the land exchange because it will enhance my recreational opportunities, and protect water quality and wildlife habitat.	LUR, WTR, WLF	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered parcels would provide additional recreational opportunities along the Salmon River as these lands would be open to the public. Further, if these lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the lands and resources would be managed as directed by the RMP.	
81	81.2		Alexandra Butch	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
81	81.3		Alexandra Butch	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
81	81.4		Alexandra Butch	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
81	81.5		Alexandra Butch	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
81	81.6		Alexandra Butch	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
81	81.7		Alexandra Butch	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
81	81.8		Alexandra Butch	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
81	81.9		Alexandra Butch	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	

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82	82.1		Pat Nielsen	My husband drove the bus that transported miners to the mine. The mine provides crucial employment for many people including my husband. Challis relies on this mine for the economy to support the people and business of this small town. The product mined is so essential for many purposes, steel production, paint, glass etc. In this time of scarce employment opportunities we need this mine.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
82	82.2		Pat Nielsen	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
83	83.1		Ms. Amanda Carter	I have lived and worked in Clayton, Idaho. It was the first place I worked when I first moved to Idaho. I have seen the economic impact the mine has on Custer County and the Challis area. There are many families that rely on TCM to support their well being. I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
84	84.1	Centurylink, Supervisor	Mr. RD McCall	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
84	84.2	Centurylink, Supervisor	Mr. RD McCall	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
85	85.1	Handy Truck Line	Mr. David Brown	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
85	85.2	Handy Truck Line	Mr. David Brown	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
85	85.3	Handy Truck Line	Mr. David Brown	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
85	85.4	Handy Truck Line	Mr. David Brown	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
85	85.5	Handy Truck Line	Mr. David Brown	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
85	85.6	Handy Truck Line	Mr. David Brown	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
85	85.7	Handy Truck Line	Mr. David Brown	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
85	85.8	Handy Truck Line	Mr. David Brown	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
85	85.9	Handy Truck Line	Mr. David Brown	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
86	86.1		Ron Wittman	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
86	86.2		Ron Wittman	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
86	86.3		Ron Wittman	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	

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86	86.4		Ron Wittman	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
86	86.5		Ron Wittman	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
87	87.1	Rust Automation & Controls, Account Manager	Abram Griffiths	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
87	87.2	Rust Automation & Controls, Account Manager	Abram Griffiths	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy. I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
88	88.1		Riley Frazier	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
88	88.2		Riley Frazier	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
88	88.3		Riley Frazier	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
89	89.1		Rick Wagstaff	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho. The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	GEN	Comment noted.	
90	90.1		Mrs. Teresa Dockery	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
90	90.2		Mrs. Teresa Dockery	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
91	91.1	Berry Electric, Inc., Secretary	Mrs. Luanne Berry	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
91	91.1	Berry Electric, Inc., Secretary	Mrs. Luanne Berry	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
91	91.1	Berry Electric, Inc., Secretary	Mrs. Luanne Berry	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
91	91.1	Berry Electric, Inc., Secretary	Mrs. Luanne Berry	I support the land exchange because it will enhance my recreational opportunities, and protect water quality and wildlife habitat.	LUR, WTR, WLF	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered parcels would provide additional recreational opportunities along the Salmon River as these lands would be open to the public. Further, if these lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the lands and resources would be managed as directed by the RMP.	
91	91.1	Berry Electric, Inc., Secretary	Mrs. Luanne Berry	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
91	91.1	Berry Electric, Inc., Secretary	Mrs. Luanne Berry	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	

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91	91.2	Berry Electric, Inc., Secretary	Mrs. Luanne Berry	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy. I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
91	91.3	Berry Electric, Inc., Secretary	Mrs. Luanne Berry	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
91	91.4	Berry Electric, Inc., Secretary	Mrs. Luanne Berry	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
92	92.1		Hailey Smith	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
93	93.1		Pamela Martin	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
93	93.2		Pamela Martin	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
93	93.3		Pamela Martin	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
93	93.4		Pamela Martin	I support the land exchange because it will enhance my recreational opportunities, and protect water quality and wildlife habitat.	LUR, WTR, WLF	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered parcels would provide additional recreational opportunities along the Salmon River as these lands would be open to the public. Further, if these lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the lands and resources would be managed as directed by the RMP.	
94	94.1	TCM, Lab Teck	Mrs. Kalli Church	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy. I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
94	94.2	TCM, Lab Teck	Mrs. Kalli Church	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
94	94.3	TCM, Lab Teck	Mrs. Kalli Church	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
94	94.4	TCM, Lab Teck	Mrs. Kalli Church	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
95	95.1	TCM, Mill Operations	Mr. David Church	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
95	95.2	TCM, Mill Operations	Mr. David Church	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	

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95	95.3	TCM, Mill Operations	Mr. David Church	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
95	95.4	TCM, Mill Operations	Mr. David Church	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
95	95.5	TCM, Mill Operations	Mr. David Church	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
96	96.1		Mrs. Charity Perrenoud	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
96	96.2		Mrs. Charity Perrenoud	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
96	96.3		Mrs. Charity Perrenoud	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
97	97.1	Wells Fargo, Teller	Mrs. Marta Pierson	I have worked for TCM and the wages it paid allowed me to buy my first house in Challis, get financially stable, and save money for my child's future. I would love to see TCM mine stay for the better of this community.	SOC	Comment noted.	
97	97.2	Wells Fargo, Teller	Mrs. Marta Pierson	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
98	98.1		Jim Kopp	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy. The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
98	98.2		Jim Kopp	Thompson Creek has proven to be an exceptional steward of the lands. Its environmental management ethics is world class and should be rewarded as such by all agencies.	GEN	Comments noted.	
99	99.1	Thompson Creek Metals	Richard Giampedraglia	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
99	99.2	Thompson Creek Metals	Richard Giampedraglia	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
99	99.3	Thompson Creek Metals	Richard Giampedraglia	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
99	99.4	Thompson Creek Metals	Richard Giampedraglia	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
99	99.5	Thompson Creek Metals	Richard Giampedraglia	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
99	99.6	Thompson Creek Metals	Richard Giampedraglia	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
99	99.7	Thompson Creek Metals	Richard Giampedraglia	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
99	99.8	Thompson Creek Metals	Richard Giampedraglia	I support the land exchange because it will enhance my recreational opportunities, and protect water quality and wildlife habitat.	LUR, WTR, WLF	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered parcels would provide additional recreational opportunities along the Salmon River as these lands would be open to the public. Further, if these lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the lands and resources would be managed as directed by the RMP.	

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100	100.1		Mr. Tyler Lutz	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
101	101.1		Mr. John Schreckendgust	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
101	101.2		Mr. John Schreckendgust	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
101	101.3		Mr. John Schreckendgust	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
101	101.4		Mr. John Schreckendgust	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
101	101.5		Mr. John Schreckendgust	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
102	102.1		Suzanne Malmstrom	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
103	103.1		Robert Wetzel	I have operated a small mine in Idaho and I can see how responsibly operated mines benefit the local economy without an adverse effect on wildlife and fisheries. I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comments noted.	
103	103.2		Robert Wetzel	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
103	103.3		Robert Wetzel	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
103	103.4		Robert Wetzel	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
104	104.1		Jack and Jo Steele	We need the mine to continue operating for the communities. Many employees of the mine live in Salmon as well as Challis and Mackay. Our communities need the industry to sustain the lively hood of the folks living here. Right now it is pretty much the only industry we have running.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
104	104.2		Jack and Jo Steele	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
105	105.1	Custer Telephone Cooperative, Inc., General Manager	Dennis Thornock	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy. I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
105	105.2	Custer Telephone Cooperative, Inc., General Manager	Dennis Thornock	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
106	106.1	Veris Gold	Mr. Matt Lee	I live in Challis Idaho and my first born will be going to school this year and I would like to continue to live in this community but, if the mine shuts down I don't see that being possible considering that it would greatly impact the economy here. I support TCM and their expansion for the sole purpose that this town relies on it to support the economy, without the mine this town will die off.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
106	106.2	Veris Gold	Mr. Matt Lee	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
106	106.3	Veris Gold	Mr. Matt Lee	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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106	106.4	Veris Gold	Mr. Matt Lee	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
106	106.5	Veris Gold	Mr. Matt Lee	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
106	106.6	Veris Gold	Mr. Matt Lee	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
106	106.7	Veris Gold	Mr. Matt Lee	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
106	106.8	Veris Gold	Mr. Matt Lee	I support the land exchange because it will enhance my recreational opportunities, and protect water quality and wildlife habitat.	LUR, WTR, WLF	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered parcels would provide additional recreational opportunities along the Salmon River as these lands would be open to the public. Further, if these lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the lands and resources would be managed as directed by the RMP.	
106	106.9	Veris Gold	Mr. Matt Lee	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
107	107.1	Custer Telephone	Mr. Darrell Wahstrom	My ability to live and work in this area is directly affect by this mine remaining operational. Without the employees that my company provides telephone service to here in this community may result in a reduction in staffing with my company as well as many other service providers in this area. I would very much like to see TCM continue to operate.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
107	107.2	Custer Telephone	Mr. Darrell Wahstrom	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
107	107.3	Custer Telephone	Mr. Darrell Wahstrom	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
107	107.4	Custer Telephone	Mr. Darrell Wahstrom	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
107	107.5	Custer Telephone	Mr. Darrell Wahstrom	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
107	107.6	Custer Telephone	Mr. Darrell Wahstrom	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Effects to visual resources are described in Section 4.11.	
108	108.1		Mrs. Teresa Westergard	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
108	108.2		Mrs. Teresa Westergard	My family and I are in full support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'. We fully support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
109	109.1	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Chief Geologist	Mr. Raymond Cheff	The environmental stewardship that Thompson Creek Mining Company has demonstrated over the many years that they have operated (i.e. since 1983) shows that they can operate in a SAFE and environmentally sound way. More importantly, TCM has provided a large number of high-paying jobs, a strong tax base for Custer county and financial support to a wide range of individuals and organizations (e.g. school scholarships, school funding, etc.) through the area. A shut-down of the TCM Mine would be a devastating blow to the local communities, county and the state of Idaho.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
109	109.10	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Chief Geologist	Mr. Raymond Cheff	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
109	109.11	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Chief Geologist	Mr. Raymond Cheff	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	

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109	109.2	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Chief Geologist	Mr. Raymond Cheff	Approval of the mine expansion plan and land exchange will help provide the local communities and Custer County to flourish and continue into the future with a positive outlook. We've seen the devastation of a multitude of small communities throughout the northwest in the late 70s and 80s when logging of our national forests was virtually eliminated due to unjustified environmental concerns/regulations. Let's not let this happen again in the mining sector.	GEN	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13. Socioeconomic impacts related to logging in the 1970s and 1980s is out of scope for this project.	
109	109.3	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Chief Geologist	Mr. Raymond Cheff	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
109	109.4	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Chief Geologist	Mr. Raymond Cheff	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
109	109.5	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Chief Geologist	Mr. Raymond Cheff	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
109	109.6	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Chief Geologist	Mr. Raymond Cheff	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
109	109.7	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Chief Geologist	Mr. Raymond Cheff	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
109	109.8	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Chief Geologist	Mr. Raymond Cheff	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
109	109.9	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Chief Geologist	Mr. Raymond Cheff	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
110	110.1		Mr. John Bruggenkamp	I am in favor of the land exchange. I think they are a HUGE asset to the community!! And provide valuable employment in the surrounding areas. I would be called a vendor, as I work there from time to time. I think they have a good grip on all concerns for environmental and safety. <u>I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.</u>	GEN	Comment noted.	
110	110.2		Mr. John Bruggenkamp	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
110	110.3		Mr. John Bruggenkamp	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
111	111.1		Mr. Mike Sheppard	I think this land should be available to the mine without the trade. Let's use our land and open up the roads.	LAND	An alternative to the land exchange is Alternative L3 - direct sale of the selected land to the highest bidder. The selected land is also currently used by TCMC for mine facilities under a permit from the BLM. Roads on the selected land are managed by the BLM to be multiple use but may have restrictions to be protective of resources or for safety related to mining facilities.	
111	111.2		Mr. Mike Sheppard	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
111	111.3		Mr. Mike Sheppard	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	

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111	111.4		Mr. Mike Sheppard	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
112	112.1	TCM, Electrical Coordinator	Mr. Robert Fisher	I work at TCM to be able to provide for my family. It is my lively hood and a much needed asset to the community. As an employee at TCM we are committed to protecting the environment and do so. Without TCM I would lose my land my home my income along with countless others it would be devastating to the community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
112	112.2	TCM, Electrical Coordinator	Mr. Robert Fisher	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
112	112.3	TCM, Electrical Coordinator	Mr. Robert Fisher	They are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
112	112.4	TCM, Electrical Coordinator	Mr. Robert Fisher	The land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
112	112.5	TCM, Electrical Coordinator	Mr. Robert Fisher	It would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
112	112.6	TCM, Electrical Coordinator	Mr. Robert Fisher	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
113	113.1	Idaho House of Representatives, Representative	Lance Clow	I have followed the TCM since it was originally proposed, some 25 years ago. They are providing society and economy important resources and this expansion is needed to continue economic viability of the mine. I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
114	114.1	RAM Enterprises, Inc., President	Mr. Tim Horn	RAM Enterprise is in full support of the mine expansion for Thompson Creek Mining.	GEN	Comment noted.	
114	114.2	RAM Enterprises, Inc., President	Mr. Tim Horn	We have been a supplier of products and services to the mine for over 20 years. Our service teams support the local economy with hotel stays, restaurants, and food and fuel purchases. I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
114	114.3	RAM Enterprises, Inc., President	Mr. Tim Horn	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
115	115.1	RAM Enterprises, Inc., Front Office Administrator	Mrs. Stefanie Adams	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
115	115.2	RAM Enterprises, Inc., Front Office Administrator	Mrs. Stefanie Adams	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
115	115.3	RAM Enterprises, Inc., Front Office Administrator	Mrs. Stefanie Adams	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
115	115.4	RAM Enterprises, Inc., Front Office Administrator	Mrs. Stefanie Adams	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
115	115.5	RAM Enterprises, Inc., Front Office Administrator	Mrs. Stefanie Adams	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
116	116.1		Mr. Alllan Dunham	As retired USFS, we support the proposed expansion of TCM. I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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116	116.2		Mr. Alllan Dunham	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
116	116.3		Mr. Alllan Dunham	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
116	116.4		Mr. Alllan Dunham	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
116	116.5		Mr. Alllan Dunham	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
116	116.6		Mr. Alllan Dunham	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
116	116.7		Mr. Alllan Dunham	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
116	116.8		Mr. Alllan Dunham	I support the land exchange because it will enhance my recreational opportunities, and protect water quality and wildlife habitat.	LUR, WTR, WLF	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered parcels would provide additional recreational opportunities along the Salmon River as these lands would be open to the public. Further, if these lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the lands and resources would be managed as directed by the RMP.	
117	117.1	Open Loop Energy Inc., CEO	Mr. Charles Hoisington	I support the land exchange / expansion and look forward to see this operation continue, prosper and contribute to the area. I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
117	117.2	Open Loop Energy Inc., CEO	Mr. Charles Hoisington	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
117	117.3	Open Loop Energy Inc., CEO	Mr. Charles Hoisington	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
117	117.4	Open Loop Energy Inc., CEO	Mr. Charles Hoisington	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
117	117.5	Open Loop Energy Inc., CEO	Mr. Charles Hoisington	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
117	117.6	Open Loop Energy Inc., CEO	Mr. Charles Hoisington	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
118	118.1	Miami Dade County, Chief of Staff	Ruben J. Arias	Please add my name and contact information to your distribution list.	MAI	Your address has been added to the mailing list.	
119	119.1	Monsanto, Mineral Operations Manager	Mr. Branden Hendriks	I sent this letter in support of the TCM expansion. Mining is not only important to Idaho's economy but to as a resource nationally. There are many families throughout Idaho that depend on this operation remaining open. I urge to aid in making this happen.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
120	120.1	Custer Telephone Co-Op, Inc., Central Office Supervisor	Mr. Jenness Butterfield	The mine and its employees are significant to the success of Custer Telephone in providing affordable phone service to our sparsely populated area of operation. The success or failure of many small business in the area are tied to TCM.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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120	120.2	Custer Telephone Co-Op, Inc., Central Office Supervisor	Mr. Jenness Butterfield	A lot of grant money has been awarded to organizations such as Custer Economic Development Association over the years to promote economic growth in Custer and Lemhi Counties. It would be counter productive to that goal to shut down a working mine that is such a large contributor to our economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
120	120.3	Custer Telephone Co-Op, Inc., Central Office Supervisor	Mr. Jenness Butterfield	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint. The capital investment in buildings and mining equipment is already in place to provide a mineral that is so commonly used in the everyday products we consume. It would be wasteful to walk away from this mining operation without extracting all of the Molybdenum that is available in this deposit.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
121	121.1	Specialty Construction Supply, Managing Member	Mr. Tracy Hopkins	The Mining Industry provides revenue and jobs for our state that is greatly needed at this time in our history.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
121	121.2	Specialty Construction Supply, Managing Member	Mr. Tracy Hopkins	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
121	121.3	Specialty Construction Supply, Managing Member	Mr. Tracy Hopkins	At a time where Agriculture is on the decline in our State and we don't have a lot of manufacturing the mining industry is a crucial part of providing jobs and revenue for our State.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
121	121.4	Specialty Construction Supply, Managing Member	Mr. Tracy Hopkins	It appears to be increasingly harder for mines to deal with regulations and especially in respect to opening new sources.	OS	This comment is not specific to the project and is beyond the scope of this project.	
121	121.5	Specialty Construction Supply, Managing Member	Mr. Tracy Hopkins	This mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint. This would seem to be a win/win for Thompson Creek and the State of Idaho.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
121	121.6	Specialty Construction Supply, Managing Member	Mr. Tracy Hopkins	In supporting the land exchange it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
121	121.7	Specialty Construction Supply, Managing Member	Mr. Tracy Hopkins	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
121	121.8	Specialty Construction Supply, Managing Member	Mr. Tracy Hopkins	This is a good opportunity to provide jobs and revenue and still preserve the Idaho way of life and thus I support the proposed land expansion at Thompson Creek.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
122	122.1		Mrs. Geri Carraway	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
122	122.10		Mrs. Geri Carraway	I support the land exchange because it will enhance my recreational opportunities, and protect water quality and wildlife habitat.	LUR, WTR, WLF	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered parcels would provide additional recreational opportunities along the Salmon River as these lands would be open to the public. Further, if these lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the lands and resources would be managed as directed by the RMP.	
122	122.2		Mrs. Geri Carraway	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
122	122.3		Mrs. Geri Carraway	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
122	122.4		Mrs. Geri Carraway	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint. I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
122	122.5		Mrs. Geri Carraway	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	

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122	122.6		Mrs. Geri Carraway	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
122	122.7		Mrs. Geri Carraway	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
122	122.8		Mrs. Geri Carraway	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
122	122.9		Mrs. Geri Carraway	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
123	123.1	Western States Equipment Company, PSSR	Jerad Childers	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
123	123.2	Western States Equipment Company, PSSR	Jerad Childers	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
124	124.1	Western States Equipment Company, Customer Service Rep	Mr. Robert Zaharias	The land exchange would positively impact me, my family, and the surrounding communities. There are many families and businesses that rely on Thompson Creek. I support TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy, and for our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
125	125.1	Western States Equipment Company, Team Supervisor	Mick Hayes	As a Field Technician for Western States, who is a vendor to Thompson Creek Mining Co., I have spent many days working at the TCM jobsite. I now work at Western States shop in Pocatello. AS a result of the recent mine slowdown, I have seen it directly affect our Company. We no longer send parts and service anywhere near the volume we have in the past, which directly affects the well-being of our employees, and our company. I am very much in favor of anything that can be done to extend and expand the mine for the benefit of all companies involved, and all the families that depend on it.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
125	125.2	Western States Equipment Company, Team Supervisor	Mick Hayes	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
125	125.3	Western States Equipment Company, Team Supervisor	Mick Hayes	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
125	125.4	Western States Equipment Company, Team Supervisor	Mick Hayes	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
125	125.5	Western States Equipment Company, Team Supervisor	Mick Hayes	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
125	125.6	Western States Equipment Company, Team Supervisor	Mick Hayes	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
125	125.7	Western States Equipment Company, Team Supervisor	Mick Hayes	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	

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125	125.8	Western States Equipment Company, Team Supervisor	Mick Hayes	I support the land exchange because it will enhance my recreational opportunities, and protect water quality and wildlife habitat.	LUR, WTR, WLF	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered parcels would provide additional recreational opportunities along the Salmon River as these lands would be open to the public. Further, if these lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the lands and resources would be managed as directed by the RMP.	
126	126.1	Western States Equipment Company, Team Supervisor	Mr. Daniel Waldemar	I feel Thompson Creek mining should be approved to do the land swap to keep the mine operating. We the people need to understand that the loss of local jobs effects everyone in the local valley that deals with them. I have work in or around the mining for the last 25 years and grew up in area supported by mining and understand the need. I have seen the lasting effects on the ground good and bad. I understand the need to regulate reclamation and also the need to get the general public a product and a reasonable cost and by denying them the land swap will result in higher prices in the end.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
126	126.2	Western States Equipment Company, Team Supervisor	Mr. Daniel Waldemar	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
126	126.3	Western States Equipment Company, Team Supervisor	Mr. Daniel Waldemar	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
127	127.1	Western States Equipment Company, Supervisor	Mr. Charles Wangelin	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
127	127.2	Western States Equipment Company, Supervisor	Mr. Charles Wangelin	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
127	127.3	Western States Equipment Company, Supervisor	Mr. Charles Wangelin	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
127	127.4	Western States Equipment Company, Supervisor	Mr. Charles Wangelin	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
127	127.5	Western States Equipment Company, Supervisor	Mr. Charles Wangelin	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
128	128.1	Western States Equipment Company, Regional Rental Manager	Mr. Tad Sparks	I am in strong support of the expansion given the fact that I and those that surround me professionally and personally have been directly impacted in a very positive way as a result of Thompson Creek Mining activity in Central Idaho. I live in Chubbuck Idaho and have been employed with Western States Equipment Company for 20 plus years. As a result of our relationship as a vendor with Thompson Creek, I have been able to enjoy a long healthy rewarding career and raise my family in a community in which I love and support in many ways. The stability that has been provided me in part by Thompson Creek has allowed me to be involved in many things within our community such as coaching your baseball, football, volunteering at the local shooting range and food bank as well as countless other church and community events. I would greatly appreciate your consideration in support of future operations at Thompson Creek.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
129	129.1	Western States Equipment Company	Mr. Trent Workman	I'm directly affected by this exchange because I make my living supporting Caterpillar Equipment and by those who use Caterpillar equipment. I believe Thompson Creek has been a good steward of the land, and will continue to be a good steward of the land, in doing so by not leaving an ecological disaster in their wake they should be allowed to go forward with the exchange of lands. This exchange and expanded mining has the ability to benefit not just Thompson Creek and local mountain towns but the whole lower half of Idaho with service jobs and equipment to support their operations and services needed by their employees and families. The benefits are endless in the supply side chain of events.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
129	129.10	Western States Equipment Company	Mr. Trent Workman	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	

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129	129.11	Western States Equipment Company	Mr. Trent Workman	I support the land exchange because it will enhance my recreational opportunities, and protect water quality and wildlife habitat.	LUR, WTR, WLF	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered parcels would provide additional recreational opportunities along the Salmon River as these lands would be open to the public. Further, if these lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the lands and resources would be managed as directed by the RMP.	
129	129.2	Western States Equipment Company	Mr. Trent Workman	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
129	129.3	Western States Equipment Company	Mr. Trent Workman	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
129	129.4	Western States Equipment Company	Mr. Trent Workman	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
129	129.5	Western States Equipment Company	Mr. Trent Workman	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
129	129.6	Western States Equipment Company	Mr. Trent Workman	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
129	129.7	Western States Equipment Company	Mr. Trent Workman	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
129	129.8	Western States Equipment Company	Mr. Trent Workman	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
129	129.9	Western States Equipment Company	Mr. Trent Workman	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
130	130.1	Western States Equipment Company	Rose Christensen	...I work for a vendor and I am in full support of the mine expansion and land exchange. This will provide more work and I believe it will benefit many people and their families.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
130	130.2	Western States Equipment Company	Rose Christensen	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
130	130.3	Western States Equipment Company	Rose Christensen	I support the land exchange because it will enhance my recreational opportunities, and protect water quality and wildlife habitat.	LUR, WTR, WLF	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered parcels would provide additional recreational opportunities along the Salmon River as these lands would be open to the public. Further, if these lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the lands and resources would be managed as directed by the RMP.	
130	130.4	Western States Equipment Company	Rose Christensen	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
130	130.5	Western States Equipment Company	Rose Christensen	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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130	130.6	Western States Equipment Company	Rose Christensen	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
130	130.7	Western States Equipment Company	Rose Christensen	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
131	131.1	Western States Equipment Company, Shop Supervisor	Mr. Dean Lynn	I work for Western States Equipment which has been a vendor for TCM since the beginning of the mine. I know what a huge benefit Thompson Creek has been to the Challis and the surrounding community as well as Idaho in general. They have a real concern for the environment and want to have a positive influence in their community. I would like to see them stay a productive part of the community and provide the much needed jobs for those that live in the Challis area.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
131	131.2	Western States Equipment Company, Shop Supervisor	Mr. Dean Lynn	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
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131	131.6	Western States Equipment Company, Shop Supervisor	Mr. Dean Lynn	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy. I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
132	132.1	Western States Equipment Company, Customer Service Rep	Mr. Jim Phillips	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
132	132.2	Western States Equipment Company, Customer Service Rep	Mr. Jim Phillips	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy. I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
133	133.1	RAM Enterprises Inc., Outside Sales & Service	Mr. Ben Gonzales	...I am with RAM Enterprise Inc. based in Elko, Nevada. I currently work in the role of Outside Sales and Service for Nevada, Central/Western Idaho, and Alaska markets. RAM Enterprise has been currently doing business with the TCM site for fifteen plus years. The TCM has been a great business partner and has been a part of the reason we have become a successful business. Also, originally having grown up in Idaho, the TCMs has been a great supporter of the rural Idaho economy. I truly believe that if this mine is not allowed to pursue this expansion, the local economy will suffer. It will result in not only the loss of jobs for the local people, but will also impact the amount of local spending and support from outside suppliers and contractors such as ourselves. We always take pride in supporting the local economies of where we do business.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
133	133.2	RAM Enterprises Inc., Outside Sales & Service	Mr. Ben Gonzales	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
133	133.3	RAM Enterprises Inc., Outside Sales & Service	Mr. Ben Gonzales	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
134	134.1	TCM	Mr. Russell Weston	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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134	134.2	TCM	Mr. Russell Weston	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'. ~~I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.~~	GEN	Comment noted.	
134	134.3	TCM	Mr. Russell Weston	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
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134	134.7	TCM	Mr. Russell Weston	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
134	134.8	TCM	Mr. Russell Weston	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
134	134.9	TCM	Mr. Russell Weston	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
135	135.1	TCM, Lab Technician	Mr. Jeff Vidmar	~~I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.~~	GEN	Comment noted.	
135	135.2	TCM, Lab Technician	Mr. Jeff Vidmar	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
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135	135.8	TCM, Lab Technician	Mr. Jeff Vidmar	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
136	136.1	Western States Equipment Company, Tech III	Mr. Brent Romriell	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
136	136.2	Western States Equipment Company, Tech III	Mr. Brent Romriell	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
136	136.3	Western States Equipment Company, Tech III	Mr. Brent Romriell	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
136	136.4	Western States Equipment Company, Tech III	Mr. Brent Romriell	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
136	136.5	Western States Equipment Company, Tech III	Mr. Brent Romriell	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
137	137.1	TCM, Environmental Special Projects Manager	Mr. Kenneth E. Wright	I hope you will accept my approval for TCM to receive the EIS and to go forward with the land exchange. It is a way of life here in Central Idaho, we are good stewards of the environment and cherish our stay here.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
137	137.2	TCM, Environmental Special Projects Manager	Mr. Kenneth E. Wright	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
138	138.1		Dr. BJ Bryant	After completion of my Ph.D. in chemistry, I was very motivated to find employment in Idaho; despite the majority of domestic chemistry positions being on the east or west coast. I was excited that TCM provided me a great position in a great area to start a family and be near to my family and in-laws.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
138	138.2		Dr. BJ Bryant	TCM provides important raw materials that affect our everyday lives; while being a superb steward of the environment. Without the jobs and raw materials that Thompson Creek provides many lives will be adversely affected; including mine and my family's.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
138	138.3		Dr. BJ Bryant	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
139	139.1	TCM, Equipment Operator	Mr. Terry Leuzinger	This mine has been economically and environmentally friendly to the community and the surrounding areas and needs to continue if possible.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
139	139.2	TCM, Equipment Operator	Mr. Terry Leuzinger	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
139	139.3	TCM, Equipment Operator	Mr. Terry Leuzinger	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy. I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
139	139.4	TCM, Equipment Operator	Mr. Terry Leuzinger	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
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140	140.1		Mr. Perry Woodbridge	...I am a lifelong resident of Challis. I have raised my family and hunted and fished in Central Idaho for many years. I have worked at the mine for 26 years and urge the BLM to support expansion of TCM.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
140	140.2		Mr. Perry Woodbridge	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
140	140.3		Mr. Perry Woodbridge	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
141	141.1	Western States Equipment Company, COO	Tom Terteling	Our Pocatello store will be affected financially and staffing wise if Thompson Creek is not allowed to continue operations.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
141	141.2	Western States Equipment Company, COO	Tom Terteling	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
142	142.1	TCM, Staff Accountant	Mr. Bryan McGowan	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
142	142.1	TCM, Staff Accountant	Mr. Bryan McGowan	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
142	142.2	TCM, Staff Accountant	Mr. Bryan McGowan	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I've been working for the company for 3 years and if the Mine does not continue to Phase 8, I will not be able to live in Challis because there probably won't be very many jobs available.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
142	142.3	TCM, Staff Accountant	Mr. Bryan McGowan	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'. The Mine is all set up with the proper people and capital in place to continue into mining. It would be a shame to let the resource go to waste.	GEN	Comments noted.	
143	143.1		Mr. Bill Lindsey	...I support the mine expansion at Thompson Creek.	GEN	Comment noted.	
143	143.2		Mr. Bill Lindsey	I oppose the land exchange.	LAND	Comment noted.	
143	143.3		Mr. Bill Lindsey	As a resident of this community, I think the mine is an extremely important part of this area. It is the major employer in Central Idaho. The effects of shutting the mine down due to not expanding the mine would be a severe economic blow to the area.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
144	144.1	Western States Equipment Company, Vice President of Service	Brian Cofer	Western States Equipment and Thompson Creek Mining Company have been doing business together for several decades. Not only is Thompson Creek a vital part of the central Idaho economy, they are a vital part of our organization as well. We have several employees who are dedicated specifically to serving the needs of Thompson Creek Mining Company. I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
144	144.2	Western States Equipment Company, Vice President of Service	Brian Cofer	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
144	144.3	Western States Equipment Company, Vice President of Service	Brian Cofer	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
144	144.4	Western States Equipment Company, Vice President of Service	Brian Cofer	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
145	145.1		Mr. Brian Kivi	...I am strongly support expanding the TCM through Phase 8. It is vital to myself and my family because we live in the community. The mine is an important part of our everyday life. I have lived in Challis for 15 years and Thompson Creek is a vital part of our community in many different ways. The mine has contributed to educational programs, sports, and natural resources programs at the local schools.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
145	145.2		Mr. Brian Kivi	I support the mine expansion because in my experience in working in mine operation I am confident that Thompson Creek operates in a safe and responsible manner and is very conscientious in protecting the environment.	GEN	Comment noted.	
146	146.1		Mr. Shane Knuchel, Environmental Engineer	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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146	146.2		Mr. Shane Knuchel, Environmental Engineer	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
146	146.3		Mr. Shane Knuchel, Environmental Engineer	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
146	146.4		Mr. Shane Knuchel, Environmental Engineer	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
146	146.5		Mr. Shane Knuchel, Environmental Engineer	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
146	146.6		Mr. Shane Knuchel, Environmental Engineer	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
146	146.7		Mr. Shane Knuchel, Environmental Engineer	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
147	147.1		Mr. Tom Stillwaugh	I support the mine expansion at TCM.	GEN	Comment noted.	
147	147.2		Mr. Tom Stillwaugh	TCM is a valued asset and a great contributor to the local community. The mine has a large economic benefit to the community and state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
148	148.1		Mr. Ryan Devine	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
148	148.2		Mr. Ryan Devine	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
148	148.3		Mr. Ryan Devine	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
148	148.4		Mr. Ryan Devine	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
148	148.5		Mr. Ryan Devine	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
149	149.1	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Electrician	Mr. Thomas Goddard	This mine is my employer and the employer for the majority of families in the town of Challis, a major portion of the town of Salmon, and surrounding communities. I began my employment nearly eight years ago at TCM. TCM is a great place to work, not only is the job great, but my co-workers, management and everyone that is at the mine are basically a family. We're all very concerned about safety, the environment, and consistently improving in these areas. There is a genius, intelligence and integrity that comes from everyone that works at this mine. The main reason I live here is not just for the job but I was born and raised here. I love this area and all the opportunities it brings to my family, hunting fishing, camping, hiking and countless other reasons. I basically work in my back yard and am very grateful to work for a company that is very concerned about the environment which I love so much.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
149	149.2	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Electrician	Mr. Thomas Goddard	I URGE YOU to CAREFULLY consider this mine expansion and land exchange, not only would it benefit the future of Thompson Creek, but would benefit the BLM even more, basically we are getting an area of rocky mountain tops in exchange for a huge beautiful ranch.	LAND	Comment noted. The environment and resources of the selected and offered lands are described in Chapter 3.	
149	149.3	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Electrician	Mr. Thomas Goddard	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
149	149.4	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Electrician	Mr. Thomas Goddard	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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149	149.5	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Electrician	Mr. Thomas Goddard	I support the land exchange because it will enhance my recreational opportunities, and protect water quality and wildlife habitat.	LUR, WTR, WLF	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered parcels would provide additional recreational opportunities along the Salmon River as these lands would be open to the public. Further, if these lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the lands and resources would be managed as directed by the RMP.	
149	149.6	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Electrician	Mr. Thomas Goddard	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
150	150.1		Tamara Robbins	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
150	150.2		Tamara Robbins	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
150	150.3		Tamara Robbins	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
151	151.1		Clinton Clark	I support the expansion of TCM.	GEN	Comment noted.	
151	151.2		Clinton Clark	Without the mine, Custer County will be devastated. Thompson Creek supports everything we do in the county.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
151	151.3		Clinton Clark	I plan on retiring and spending the rest of my life in the area and I would like the continued economic benefit that the mine provides the community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
152	152.1	Western States Equipment, VP & Treasurer	Mr. Jim King	We need good high paying jobs in central Idaho so I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
152	152.2	Western States Equipment, VP & Treasurer	Mr. Jim King	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
152	152.3	Western States Equipment, VP & Treasurer	Mr. Jim King	They need the jobs in Custer County. They offer good high paying jobs.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
152	152.4	Western States Equipment, VP & Treasurer	Mr. Jim King	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
152	152.5	Western States Equipment, VP & Treasurer	Mr. Jim King	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
153	153.1		Mr. Paul Perhac	...I find Thompson to be a responsible mining company in the way it respects the land and people it does business with. I think that this expansion is good for the entire country.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
153	153.2		Mr. Paul Perhac	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy. I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
153	153.3		Mr. Paul Perhac	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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153	153.4		Mr. Paul Perhac	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
153	153.5		Mr. Paul Perhac	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
153	153.6		Mr. Paul Perhac	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
153	153.7		Mr. Paul Perhac	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
154	154.1		Clinton Clark	I support the expansion of TCM.	GEN	Comment noted.	
154	154.2		Clinton Clark	Without the mine, Custer County will be devastated. Thompson Creek supports everything we do in the county.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
154	154.3		Clinton Clark	I would like the continued economic benefit that the mine provides the community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
155	155.1		Andrew Hainline	We need the community to support the mine expansion to help keep the mine going.	GEN	Comment noted.	
155	155.2		Andrew Hainline	I live in Mackay and have worked at TCM for two years. The mine has been good to our community and has supported Mackay and Challis school districts.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
155	155.3		Andrew Hainline	I enjoy hunting and fishing in the area and want to see the mine stay part of the economy of the area so I can live and work here and watch our kids do the same.	LUR, SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
156	156.1	TCM	Michael Regli	I support TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
157	157.1		Mr. Dave Lusk	I believe that continued mining in Custer county would be a great benefit to the city of Challis and the surrounding community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
157	157.2		Mr. Dave Lusk	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
157	157.3		Mr. Dave Lusk	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
158	158.1	TCM	Mr. Jesse Whitley	The mine benefits me and Salmon because it gives us jobs. There is not a whole lot of good paying jobs in Salmon. If Thompson Creek were to shut down it would be a huge impact on Salmon and Challis; people that lost their jobs would have to move elsewhere for other employment which these towns are both pretty small the more people that lose their jobs and move the worse it is for the rest of the population.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
158	158.2	TCM	Mr. Jesse Whitley	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy. I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
158	158.3	TCM	Mr. Jesse Whitley	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
159	159.1		Ben Spillett	I work in the mine maintenance department. I'm thankful to have my job here at TCM, not only does it pay my bills and support my family, it helps support the community and local people of Challis and surrounding areas.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
159	159.2		Ben Spillett	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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159	159.3		Ben Spillett	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
159	159.4		Ben Spillett	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
159	159.5		Ben Spillett	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
159	159.6		Ben Spillett	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
159	159.7		Ben Spillett	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
160	160.1	TCM, Environmental Special Projects	Mr. Karl Chesley	I am employed at TCM, I am hoping very much for this approval to happen not only for myself and family, but for the whole county. TCM continuation is a huge part of the local economy, and schools, it provides good incomes for many local families and the majority of that stays in the county. Hopefully this expansion and exchange happens and the families that rely on the mine life are able to continue supporting their families and the businesses of Custer County.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
160	160.10	TCM, Environmental Special Projects	Mr. Karl Chesley	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
160	160.11	TCM, Environmental Special Projects	Mr. Karl Chesley	I support the land exchange because it will enhance my recreational opportunities, and protect water quality and wildlife habitat.	LUR, WTR, WLF	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered parcels would provide additional recreational opportunities along the Salmon River as these lands would be open to the public. Further, if these lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the lands and resources would be managed as directed by the RMP.	
160	160.2	TCM, Environmental Special Projects	Mr. Karl Chesley	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
160	160.3	TCM, Environmental Special Projects	Mr. Karl Chesley	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
160	160.4	TCM, Environmental Special Projects	Mr. Karl Chesley	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.			
160	160.4	TCM, Environmental Special Projects	Mr. Karl Chesley	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
160	160.5	TCM, Environmental Special Projects	Mr. Karl Chesley	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
160	160.6	TCM, Environmental Special Projects	Mr. Karl Chesley	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
160	160.7	TCM, Environmental Special Projects	Mr. Karl Chesley	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
160	160.8	TCM, Environmental Special Projects	Mr. Karl Chesley	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	

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160	160.9	TCM, Environmental Special Projects	Mr. Karl Chesley	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
161	161.1		Johnny Gilbert	I support the mine expansion because I would like to prolong my employment at the mine. I enjoy working at the mine because of the people I work with and the high pay and health benefits.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
161	161.2		Johnny Gilbert	I also like to hunt and fish in this area. The land exchange will open up new areas for recreational use.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
161	161.3		Johnny Gilbert	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
162	162.1		Les Malcolm	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
162	162.2		Les Malcolm	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
163	163.1		Lennis Hill	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
163	163.2		Lennis Hill	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
163	163.3		Lennis Hill	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
164	164.1	TCM, Crusher	Gary Calhoun	The mine has given me great employment and insurance for my family. Idaho doesn't have a lot of good paying jobs as this does. I love Idaho and I wish to stay and be able to live comfortably. If the mine closes I will have to find work elsewhere.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
164	164.2	TCM, Crusher	Gary Calhoun	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
165	165.1		Robert Miller	I support the proposed mine expansion and the land exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
165	165.2		Robert Miller	I am happy here and wish to stay here. This is a great place to live and TCM is a great employer.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
165	165.3		Robert Miller	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
166	166.1	TCM, Mill Operations	Stuart (Lary) Lozon	This expansion will help to support me and the people and the businesses, I help and support! The mine expansion will keep me in a place where I love to be, and it lets me spend quality time at home, and provides me with a good living.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
167	167.1		Bruce Bleak	I am in favor of the exchange as I see it as being a win-win for all the parties concerned.	GEN	Comment noted.	
167	167.2		Bruce Bleak	The TCM has proven itself to be a good addition to the local community and a good neighbor to the surrounding communities.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
167	167.3		Bruce Bleak	The BLM stands to gain some very desirable property in the deal that the mine currently owns and controls.	LAND	Comment noted. It is desirable as acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
167	167.4		Bruce Bleak	Our local community in the Lost River Valley has benefited from the mine also; the mine has donated to local programs for the 4-H kids to attend summer camp and also the market animal sale so I would like to see the relationship continue.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
168	168.1	TCM, Mill Maintenance Coordinator	Mr. Jeff Smith	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. Thompson Creek has also been and will continue to donate to the community in various ways and is a strong supporter of the school district. Which is also vital to our local economy and the livelihood in our immediate area.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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169	169.1		Chelsey Hurless	...I am currently employed here at the TCM. My husband, father in law, and many friends are employed here as well. My husband was born and raised here in Challis, as well as his dad and his family. The community of Challis depends on this mine staying afloat, and as a mother to an 8 month old and another on the way, this expansion personally impacts my life as well as everyone that lives here. We own a home here, we want to raise children here, and want to see this town continue to thrive with the continuation of the mine. We hope it goes on forever, but I know that's not possible. To being to strip Phase 8 means going forward though, and that is what this town and mine need - to continue to move forward. Please consider all means necessary before making a decision that will forever change Challis, Idaho and my family.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
169	169.2		Chelsey Hurless	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
169	169.3		Chelsey Hurless	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
169	169.4		Chelsey Hurless	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
169	169.5		Chelsey Hurless	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
169	169.6		Chelsey Hurless	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
170	170.1		Kimber Hargan	My best friend and her husband happen to work at the TCM. I know that it is more than a job up there. It is a way of life. It is an important means to survival in that entire town. If they don't have that mine it would change lives of everyone in that area, not just for my friends that work there and not just for my family that lives in the area. I would imagine it would turn those towns around it, especially Challis, into basically ghost towns. It's not right for all the residents and I can't imagine what good it does for the economy. We need those jobs. We need to be able to take pride in the land. The security of it is so much of what makes Idaho so great. People will have to sell their homes, pack up and move, take away from their kids what was the whole reason they chose where they live in the first place. Quality of life is a really big deal. Does anyone care about who all that affects and how it will affect them?	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
170	170.2		Kimber Hargan	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
170	170.3		Kimber Hargan	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
171	171.1	Thompson Creek Mining Company	Ms. Robin Ellis	I currently work in security at Thompson Creek. I have lived in this great community since 1991 and am very proud to call this my home. This is the best place ever to raise kids and grow as families should, as the entire community is like a big family and everyone takes care of each other and Thompson Creek is no exception. They rise above and beyond the call of duty to support all their employees and do everything they can to support this entire community. I shudder to think of how it will be if I no longer have my position at the mine, let alone how our community would suffer as well. I believe the economic impact would be devastating for our county.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
171	171.2	Thompson Creek Mining Company	Ms. Robin Ellis	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
172	172.1	TCM, Warehouse Tech.	Shyla Knox	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
172	172.2	TCM, Warehouse Tech.	Shyla Knox	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
172	172.3	TCM, Warehouse Tech.	Shyla Knox	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
173	173.1		Lonnie Reeder	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
173	173.2		Lonnie Reeder	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for the state of Idaho. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
173	173.3		Lonnie Reeder	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
173	173.4		Lonnie Reeder	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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174	174.1	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Operator	Mr. Justin Keppner	...I am currently employed at the TCM near Clayton, Idaho. The mine employs a lot of people in the community and has for a long time. Not only the people working at the mine, but also people in the community depend on the mine to make a living here in Custer County.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
174	174.2	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Operator	Mr. Justin Keppner	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
174	174.3	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Operator	Mr. Justin Keppner	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
174	174.4	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Operator	Mr. Justin Keppner	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
174	174.5	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Operator	Mr. Justin Keppner	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
175	175.1	TCM, Warehouse Tech.	Mr. Michael Yates	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
175	175.2	TCM, Warehouse Tech.	Mr. Michael Yates	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy. I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
175	175.3	TCM, Warehouse Tech.	Mr. Michael Yates	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
175	175.4	TCM, Warehouse Tech.	Mr. Michael Yates	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
175	175.5	TCM, Warehouse Tech.	Mr. Michael Yates	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
175	175.6	TCM, Warehouse Tech.	Mr. Michael Yates	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
175	175.7	TCM, Warehouse Tech.	Mr. Michael Yates	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
176	176.1		Stacy Tingle	I believe that Thompson Creek is a vital part of our local community. They support our kids and keep the local economy going. I support TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
177	177.1		Kelly Hurless	I grew up in Challis and have spent the majority of my life here. My family has worked at TCM for over 30 years. Without this mine, I would not have the great quality of life that I am lucky enough to have. Thompson Creek has always been a great supporter of Challis and the other surrounding communities in the area. The money that the mine puts back into the communities is significant. The land exchange going through is very important to me firstly because it means that I can keep my job and live in this great area. It is also great for not only all of the local businesses, but also many other businesses.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
177	177.2		Kelly Hurless	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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177	177.3		Kelly Hurless	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
177	177.4		Kelly Hurless	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
177	177.5		Kelly Hurless	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
178	178.1		Mr. Art Moretti Jr.	...The mine is what brought my family to Challis in 1982 and the continuing operations is what has kept Challis and the surrounding communities alive all these years. When the mine went through its few closures through the years a little piece of the towns died along with it. There are a number of ranchers and multi-generational locals that may still believe they do not need the mine however in the real world it takes 3.5 people to support every employee at a working mine site like Thompson Creek and those people are the ones working in stores, restaurants, banks and ranchers selling beef cattle to the market. Thompson Creek is a vital part of the community and needs the community support to stay alive.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
178	178.10		Mr. Art Moretti Jr.	I support the land exchange because it will enhance my recreational opportunities, and protect water quality and wildlife habitat.	LUR, WTR, WLF	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered parcels would provide additional recreational opportunities along the Salmon River as these lands would be open to the public. Further, if these lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the lands and resources would be managed as directed by the RMP.	
178	178.2		Mr. Art Moretti Jr.	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
178	178.3		Mr. Art Moretti Jr.	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
178	178.4		Mr. Art Moretti Jr.	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
178	178.5		Mr. Art Moretti Jr.	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
178	178.6		Mr. Art Moretti Jr.	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
178	178.7		Mr. Art Moretti Jr.	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
178	178.8		Mr. Art Moretti Jr.	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
178	178.9		Mr. Art Moretti Jr.	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
179	179.1		Matthew Verbeck	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
179	179.2		Matthew Verbeck	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
180	180.1		Bruce Bruno	I support the land exchange and the continuing operation of the TCM.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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180	180.2		Bruce Bruno	It is very important to the local economy that the mine stay in operation. I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
180	180.3		Bruce Bruno	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
180	180.4		Bruce Bruno	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
181	181.1		Dudley Verbeck	I support everything the mine does for the community and enjoy all the money that comes back to in various ways.	SOC	Comment noted.	
181	181.2		Dudley Verbeck	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
182	182.1		Wes Hill	I feel that the mine is an asset to our community and we should support it in any way we can. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
183	183.1		Leonard Larson	We are a small community and I want to support the mine, to lose a mine of this size would be devastating to our local economy. I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
183	183.2		Leonard Larson	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
183	183.3		Leonard Larson	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
184	184.1		Ron Cook	I am an employee of the TCM and have worked here since 1996. The mine has been environmentally responsible and should be allowed to continue.	GEN	Comment noted.	
184	184.2		Ron Cook	The land exchange is a good deal for everybody and should go through.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
184	184.3		Ron Cook	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
184	184.4		Ron Cook	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
185	185.1	TCM, Materials	Ms. Cassie Cooper	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
185	185.2	TCM, Materials	Ms. Cassie Cooper	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
185	185.3	TCM, Materials	Ms. Cassie Cooper	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
186	186.1	TCM, Materials	Ms. Cody Nord	I am a welder at Thompson Creek Metals. The land exchange is crucial for me to be able to keep my job and stay in the area I love.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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186	186.2	TCM, Materials	Ms. Cody Nord	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
187	187.1		Calvin Hunt	I support Thompson Creek as it is a vital asset to surrounding communities and school systems. Extending the mine life will be super beneficial to many families and businesses.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
188	188.1	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Electrician	Mr. Stanley Gayer	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
188	188.2	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Electrician	Mr. Stanley Gayer	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
189	189.1	Challis Area Health Center, Administrator	Ms. Kate Taylor	As the Administrator of the Challis Area Health Center, I am writing in support of TCM's proposed Expansion and Land Exchange. I have served as Administrator for sixteen years and worked with them Mine the entire time to help meet the healthcare needs of their employees. I have always found them to be conscientious about the health and safety of their workers. Our clinic has provided Occupational Health services, care in Worker's Compensation related cases, and primary care for TCM employees and their families. Their business provides a significant source of revenue for our clinic. In addition, they have made several very generous donations to us that have helped us maintain and improve our facility. They are a great community partner.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
189	189.2	Challis Area Health Center, Administrator	Ms. Kate Taylor	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho as well as TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
189	189.3	Challis Area Health Center, Administrator	Ms. Kate Taylor	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
189	189.4	Challis Area Health Center, Administrator	Ms. Kate Taylor	TCM has demonstrated that it is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.6 and 3.6).	
189	189.5	Challis Area Health Center, Administrator	Ms. Kate Taylor	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho, especially Challis. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. The Mine's continued operation will directly affect our ability to continue to provide healthcare services to our regional community because they are such an important part of our revenue and patient base. Please give all due consideration to their proposal and allow them to continue to be an active participant in the life of our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
190	190.1		Jackson Hill	I have been an employee with Thompson Creek for 3 years and I have not seen a company that supports a community like this one does. Thompson Creek has been associated with many charities within the county and state. The mine has assisted in many programs in supporting the environment such as trail restoration, public access, and land preservation. TCM has also played a big part in keeping Idaho's local population employed. We have employed as many as up to 430 people at one time and wish to someday run that strong again.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
190	190.10		Jackson Hill	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
190	190.11		Jackson Hill	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
190	190.12		Jackson Hill	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
190	190.13		Jackson Hill	I support the land exchange because it will enhance my recreational opportunities, and protect water quality and wildlife habitat.	LUR, WTR, WLF	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered parcels would provide additional recreational opportunities along the Salmon River as these lands would be open to the public. Further, if these lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the lands and resources would be managed as directed by the RMP.	
190	190.2		Jackson Hill	Not only that we have been one of the leading producers of molybdenum for many years, the state and any organizations need to realize the importance of continuing to mine and produce our own resources.	GEN	Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	

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190	190.3		Jackson Hill	TCM has given to many charities that I can recall. Donations to cancer research organizations, scholarships to community youth, funding to school functions. Thompson Creek has also given to many places outside of Challis though including Salmon, Mackay, and Stanley. It is an organization dedicated to helping everyone and not just its employees. I support both the mine expansion and land exchange not only as an employee but also as a member of this great community. The mountains and valleys of Custer county and Idaho have been an amazing home to me. I know deep in my heart that TCM will continue to preserve the environment, create a strong economy, and support our great state for years to come. Let TCM expand to its necessary size to keep operating safely and productively. Thank you for all your efforts in helping us keep our history, heritage, but most of all our family continuing.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
190	190.4		Jackson Hill	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
190	190.5		Jackson Hill	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
190	190.6		Jackson Hill	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
190	190.7		Jackson Hill	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
190	190.8		Jackson Hill	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
190	190.9		Jackson Hill	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
191	191.1	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Electrician	Mr. Fred Leuzinger	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
191	191.2	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Electrician	Mr. Fred Leuzinger	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
192	192.1		Mr. Ryan Millick	When I took my job here at TCMC, it was satisfying to realize how much effort our folks put into this mine and the care they take to mitigate negative effects on the surrounding environment/area.	GEN	Comment noted.	
192	192.2		Mr. Ryan Millick	I hope to live in Challis until my kids are through school and that puts me here for several more years. Without the mine expansion and land exchange, that goal may not be fulfilled and we would probably have to uproot once again from this fantastic area to seek the almighty dollar elsewhere.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
192	192.3		Mr. Ryan Millick	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
192	192.4		Mr. Ryan Millick	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
193	193.1	Lyon County, Elected Official	Virgil Arellano	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
193	193.2	Lyon County, Elected Official	Virgil Arellano	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
193	193.3	Lyon County, Elected Official	Virgil Arellano	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
193	193.4	Lyon County, Elected Official	Virgil Arellano	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	

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193	193.5	Lyon County, Elected Official	Virgil Arellano	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
193	193.6	Lyon County, Elected Official	Virgil Arellano	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
193	193.7	Lyon County, Elected Official	Virgil Arellano	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
193	193.8	Lyon County, Elected Official	Virgil Arellano	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
193	193.9	Lyon County, Elected Official	Virgil Arellano	I support the land exchange because it will enhance my recreational opportunities, and protect water quality and wildlife habitat.	LUR, WTR, WLF	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered parcels would provide additional recreational opportunities along the Salmon River as these lands would be open to the public. Further, if these lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the lands and resources would be managed as directed by the RMP.	
194	194.1	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Geotechnical Geologist	Scott Miller	I support the mine expansion and land exchange because it would benefit myself and my family greatly.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
194	194.2	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Geotechnical Geologist	Scott Miller	The expansion will increase the mine life many years and provide me an opportunity to continue working for this company and it will help the local community greatly. It will also benefit the state economy. Thompson Creek Mining Company always tries to go above and beyond to keep the environment clean and healthy. Thompson Creek Mining Company is a philanthropic company that is always looking for new ways to help the local community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
194	194.3	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Geotechnical Geologist	Scott Miller	The land exchange would be a good thing because it will allow new opportunities to access some public lands that are now very difficult to get to.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
195	195.1	TCM, HR Representative	Robin Oerke	I am a HR Representative at TCM. I have worked for the mine for a little more than eight years. In that time, TCM has supported my career. They gave two incredible opportunities to advance, including the training and certification as an EMT and tuition reimbursement, which allowed me to pursue and receive my B.S. with a concentration in HRM. With this degree, I have been able to use my knowledge and advance in the Company. That being said, the Mine Expansion and Land Exchange is an important process and important in the success of my family. We have planted our roots in Challis, so the continued operations is vital to support the needs of my family. I have never worked for a Company like TCM that has taken such good care of their employees, families or community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
195	195.2	TCM, HR Representative	Robin Oerke	I support the mine expansion and land exchange for several reasons. They support the community of Challis, which is where my family and I reside. This operation is also a vital part in the success of my own life, which directly affects the life of me and my family. Furthermore, TCM provides significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint. In addition, Thompson Creek is an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
196	196.1		Allan Hepworth	I support the mine expansion and land exchange at the TCM.	GEN	Comment noted.	
196	196.2		Allan Hepworth	There are not a lot of mines left in Idaho, so we need to keep operational what mines are here. Mining brings great economical benefits to local communities, as well as to the entire state of Idaho. Economical benefits would not mean anything, however, if the mining were being done using environmentally irresponsible and unsafe practices. I know though that by following the stringent permitting process required by the government, Thompson Creek has ensured that the mining they propose to do will be environmentally responsible and safe for their miners and the local community. Allowing TCM to continue operating will only have positive effects.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
196	196.3		Allan Hepworth	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
196	196.4		Allan Hepworth	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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196	196.5		Allan Hepworth	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
196	196.6		Allan Hepworth	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
197	197.1	Westfall Inc.	Russell Hamilton	I support the mine. Westfall Inc. does a lot of contract work at the mine. The mine does a lot for the community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
197	197.2	Westfall Inc.	Russell Hamilton	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
197	197.3	Westfall Inc.	Russell Hamilton	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
198	198.1		Jeff Halverson	I strongly support the continued operation and land exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
198	198.2		Jeff Halverson	The mine is a very responsible supporter of the community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
198	198.3		Jeff Halverson	I believe this to be the best use of our natural resources.	LUR	Comment noted.	
199	199.1		Mrs. Tori K. Sullivan	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
199	199.2		Mrs. Tori K. Sullivan	They use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
199	199.3		Mrs. Tori K. Sullivan	They are a good employer and provide many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
199	199.4		Mrs. Tori K. Sullivan	In closing, Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day and TCM has an abundance of high quality moly available if allowed to continue into Phase 8.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively. Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
200	200.1	Custer County Sheriffs Office, Dispatch Supervisor	Linda Lumpkin	TCM has been and hopefully will continue to be one of Custer County's largest employer (hiring of locals) and contributor (donating thousands of dollars) since the 1980s.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
200	200.2	Custer County Sheriffs Office, Dispatch Supervisor	Linda Lumpkin	Please support the proposed mine expansion of TCM.	GEN	Comment noted.	
200	200.3	Custer County Sheriffs Office, Dispatch Supervisor	Linda Lumpkin	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community. TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
200	200.4	Custer County Sheriffs Office, Dispatch Supervisor	Linda Lumpkin	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
201	201.1	United States Coast Guard, FN	Mr. Travis Colson	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my nephews have benefited from that.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
202	202.1		Mr. Kim Cook	The mine is critical to the economies in both Lemhi and Custer Counties. Whatever policies the BLM needs to implement to help keep it open need to be explored and then acted upon. There is truly not much left to keep the communities involved solvent.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
202	202.2		Mr. Kim Cook	Please support the proposed mine expansion of TCM.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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203	203.1	Custer County Sheriffs Office, Sheriff	Stu Lumpkin	I have been with the Custer county Sheriff's Office for 17 years. I have been the Sheriff for the last 5 years. If Thompson Creek shuts down it could force a layoff of Deputies. This would effect the community as the response time could be up to two hours to respond to a call.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
203	203.2	Custer County Sheriffs Office, Sheriff	Stu Lumpkin	Please support the proposed mine expansion of TCM. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
203	203.3	Custer County Sheriffs Office, Sheriff	Stu Lumpkin	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
203	203.4	Custer County Sheriffs Office, Sheriff	Stu Lumpkin	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
204	204.1	TCM	Tom Blood	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
204	204.2	TCM	Tom Blood	This job is the only good paying job in Challis, Salmon area. I have been born and raised in this area and I have seen lots of friends and family leave the are due to no good paying work in this area. TCM employs a lot of people from both counties, without this mine both counties will be effected substantially. Please consider Phase 8 expansion; it's going to effect a lot of people.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
205	205.1		Mr. Denton Laughlin	Please support the proposed mine expansion of TCM.	GEN	Comment noted.	
205	205.2		Mr. Denton Laughlin	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
205	205.3		Mr. Denton Laughlin	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
205	205.4		Mr. Denton Laughlin	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
205	205.5		Mr. Denton Laughlin	I feel that TCM operating and helping to stimulate the local economy through wages and contributions, that the town of Challis will lose a majority of its population and the town itself along with surrounding towns will suffer a great loss of quality. TCM not only is a 'life blood' to Custer County, but it employs several large companies as sub-contractors and adds to their overall company performance.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
205	205.6		Mr. Denton Laughlin	In addition, Thompson Creek provides molybdenum to the metals market. Being a large contributor of high quality molybdenum if TCM were to shut down it would definitely affect the molybdenum markets.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
205	205.7		Mr. Denton Laughlin	In conclusion, TCM positively impacts economics and the quality of life for people and regions surrounding it. They have proven time and time again that they practice excellent environmental control and mange their environmental impact at a superior level.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
205	205.8		Mr. Denton Laughlin	There is no good reason to not allow the land exchange to occur. This exchange will not only benefit the entire regions health but will benefit the BLM because of the quality of the land they will receive in exchange.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
206	206.1	City of Challis, City Council Member	Mr. Gerald Haslam	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. This gives the community great jobs for its residents and provides a substantial tax base for the county and state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
206	206.2	City of Challis, City Council Member	Mr. Gerald Haslam	During my time with Thompson Creek, I personally observed Thompson Creek's use of 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality was and remains protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
206	206.3	City of Challis, City Council Member	Mr. Gerald Haslam	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group of citizens that has greatly benefited from the Mine's contributions to our community. Furthermore, Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
206	206.4	City of Challis, City Council Member	Mr. Gerald Haslam	Please support, as I do, the proposed land exchange.	LAND	Comment noted.	
207	207.1		Mr. Mark Bruno	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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207	207.2		Mr. Mark Bruno	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
207	207.3		Mr. Mark Bruno	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
208	208.1	TCM, EMS Coordinator	Mr. Tyler Wright	I have been employed with TCM for 9 years. My current position is EMS Coordinator. TCM has been a huge contributor to the community and citizens of Custer County. Please consider TCM for the expansion of our facility so that the people, communities, and employees can continue to live and thrive in Custer County.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
209	209.1		Mr. Jared Pilkerton	Please support the proposed mine expansion of TCM.	GEN	Comment noted.	
209	209.2		Mr. Jared Pilkerton	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
210	210.1	Quality Motors, Sales	Phillip Hanson	I would hate to see TCM shut down because it is a very important asset to central Idaho with the jobs that it creates and what it does for the economy of Challis, Salmon, Mackay and Arco.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
210	210.2	Quality Motors, Sales	Phillip Hanson	Please support the proposed mine expansion of TCM.	GEN	Comment noted.	
210	210.3	Quality Motors, Sales	Phillip Hanson	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
210	210.4	Quality Motors, Sales	Phillip Hanson	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
210	210.5	Quality Motors, Sales	Phillip Hanson	Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
211	211.1		Mr. Allen Hardman	The continued operation of the mine is very important to Challis and the surrounding area. Challis survived before the mine and could possibly do so without it, but it certainly would not be the same and would not have the same amenities.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
211	211.2		Mr. Allen Hardman	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
211	211.3		Mr. Allen Hardman	Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
211	211.4		Mr. Allen Hardman	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
211	211.5		Mr. Allen Hardman	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group of citizens that has greatly benefited from the Mine's contributions. As a former business owner in Challis, I am aware of the economical value of the mine to the area. I was personally involved with the mine from its very beginning. I worked with Brown & Root and several of the other sub contractors during the construction phase of the mine. I have several family members who work for or have worked at the mine and therefore know the value of the jobs provided by the mine. The mines need for a continued supply of high quality electricity provided the area with a much needed power line upgrade. The need for a new reliable communications system has enabled the local telephone company to expand its facilities. The tax base to the county by the mine and its many employees has enabled the county to expand many of its services.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
211	211.6		Mr. Allen Hardman	I believe that the proposed land exchange will also provide additional recreational opportunities along the Salmon River.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
212	212.1		Jared Swensen	Thompson Creek does a lot for our local community plus donates to a lot of state charities. I would love to see the mine expansion to go into place so that the TCM can keep operating. It is vital for everyone in this small community that Thompson Creek is able to expand its lands and continue operation. My family does not want to have to move because of job allocation.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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212	212.2		Jared Swensen	Please support the proposed mine expansion of TCM. <u>I support the proposed land exchange.</u>	GEN	Comment noted.	
212	212.3		Jared Swensen	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
212	212.4		Jared Swensen	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
212	212.5		Jared Swensen	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community. <u>TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.</u>	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
212	212.6		Jared Swensen	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day. The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	SOC	Uses of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5 and 3.2.1.2. Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
212	212.7		Jared Swensen	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group of citizens that has greatly benefited from the Mine's contributions.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
213	213.1	Salmon Qwik Lube, Owner	Jaysen Dickens	The mine supports a lot of families in the Salmon area, including friends and family. In two already dwindling towns, Salmon and Challis, if the mine were to shut down it would have a devastating effect on the whole valley. If at all possible we need to help with the future of this community, because without Thompson Creek Mining the economy in this valley will not survive.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
213	213.2	Salmon Qwik Lube, Owner	Jaysen Dickens	Please support the proposed mine expansion of TCM. <u>I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.</u>	GEN	Comment noted.	
213	213.3	Salmon Qwik Lube, Owner	Jaysen Dickens	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
214	214.1	Salmon River/Quality Motors, Sales	Shawn Wells	I have many customers that work at Thompson Creek that have supported me over the years. Not only myself, but the dealership in whole sales, parts, and service. We need all jobs we can get in this community to keep people out here.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
214	214.2	Salmon River/Quality Motors, Sales	Shawn Wells	Please support the proposed mine expansion of TCM. <u>I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.</u> <u>I support the proposed Land Exchange.</u>	GEN	Comment noted.	
214	214.3	Salmon River/Quality Motors, Sales	Shawn Wells	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
214	214.4	Salmon River/Quality Motors, Sales	Shawn Wells	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community. <u>TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.</u>	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
214	214.5	Salmon River/Quality Motors, Sales	Shawn Wells	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day. The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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214	214.6	Salmon River/Quality Motors, Sales	Shawn Wells	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group of citizens that has greatly benefited from the Mine's contributions.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
215	215.1	TCM	Ted Shinderling	I am an employee of the TCM. I have been here since start up We have proven ourselves to be environmentally responsible. We are stewards of the land we love. Nobody cares more about this land more than we do! The Thompson Creek track record is good and I feel that we should be able to continue mine operations.	GEN	Comments noted.	
215	215.2	TCM	Ted Shinderling	Working at Thompson Creek has been a great blessing not only in my life but also in the lives of those in the community. They have contributed to many groups and organizations that add value to our small town.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
215	215.3	TCM	Ted Shinderling	Please support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange. Whatever it takes to keep us operational!!!	GEN	Comment noted.	
216	216.1		Rick Frost	I have worked at Thompson Creek off and on for 17 years. It has been extremely good for the community and the people working there. I have personally benefited from the high pay and know many others who have also.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
216	216.2		Rick Frost	Since 1982, Thompson Creek has won numerous environmental awards and they deserve to keep operating.	GEN	Comment noted.	
216	216.3		Rick Frost	I feel that that land exchange will not hurt the surrounding area. It is necessary for the future of this mine.	LAND	Comment noted. Land use conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
217	217.1		Mrs. Joan Woolley	As a small community Thompson creek is overall the main support for Challis and also a major support for Salmon, Idaho. If Thompson Creek was to shut down operations it would deteriorate this small community. It has hurt the community as of now due to past employees uncertainty of the mine's future and have had to leave. Leaving their homes and family members. This is a great community to live in and it would be a shame to see it suffer with the loss of people, businesses having to shut down, and people leaving their homes to find work with the probability of losing their homes here due to foreclosure. Many employees have lived here all their lives and others for many years. Please support expanding TCM.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
217	217.2		Mrs. Joan Woolley	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
217	217.3		Mrs. Joan Woolley	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
217	217.4		Mrs. Joan Woolley	Please support the proposed mine expansion of TCM.	GEN	Comment noted.	
217	217.5		Mrs. Joan Woolley	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
218	218.1	TCM, Maintenance Superintendent	Mr. Dan Woolley	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
218	218.2	TCM, Maintenance Superintendent	Mr. Dan Woolley	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
218	218.3	TCM, Maintenance Superintendent	Mr. Dan Woolley	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
219	219.1	Custer County Sheriff Office, Dispatcher	Melanie Corrigan	I support the mine staying open so that all local community member are able to stay in Challis and keep their jobs. I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
219	219.2	Custer County Sheriff Office, Dispatcher	Melanie Corrigan	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
219	219.3	Custer County Sheriff Office, Dispatcher	Melanie Corrigan	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group of citizens that has greatly benefited from the Mine's contributions to our community. TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
219	219.4	Custer County Sheriff Office, Dispatcher	Melanie Corrigan	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
219	219.5	Custer County Sheriff Office, Dispatcher	Melanie Corrigan	Please support the proposed mine expansion of TCM.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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220	220.1		Heidi Thomas	I would like to see the expansion take place so we could keep the mine open and running, to keep Challis and the surrounding area populated and thriving. <u>Keeping the mine open would keep families in the area and jobs to be able to stay in the area.</u>	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
221	221.1		Mr. Dennis Palmer	We support the TCM. They support our community in many ways and we believe they are also competent and conscientious stewards of our lands here in Custer County.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
222	222.1		Mr. Cody Walton	The mine supports a lot of great people and it would be a shame to see them unemployed as they have done a lot for me.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
222	222.2		Mr. Cody Walton	<u>I support the proposed land exchange.</u>	GEN	Comment noted.	
222	222.3		Mr. Cody Walton	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
223	223.1		Joe Provence	I have worked at the mine for seven years. I would like to see the Mine Expansion to be approved so that I can keep my job. I support my wife and two kids in Twin Falls. We have been blessed by the high pay and great benefits. Thompson Creek is a wonderful place to work. The schedule works to my favor and it is a good bunch of people.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
223	223.2		Joe Provence	<u>Please support the Mine Expansion and the Land Exchange. Please do what you can to keep the mine operational.</u>	GEN	Comment noted.	
224	224.1		Steve England	<u>I support the mine expansion and land exchange as proposed by TCM.</u>	GEN	Comment noted.	
224	224.2		Steve England	I feel that this area will lose too much if the mine closes - the people who live here and the tax base. The towns will just dry up if the mine isn't here to support the area and the people.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
224	224.3		Steve England	I feel that we need industry to make this country survive and the mining industry is an important part of making things actually go!	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
225	225.1		Jared Ibarra	I am writing today to ask the BLM to support TCM's proposal to expand the mine to Phase 8 and extend the life of the mine development to include this new deposit of moly ore. I also support the proposed land exchange as outlined in the EIS. <u>Please support the proposed mine expansion of TCM.</u>	GEN	Comment noted.	
226	226.1	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Truck Driver	Mr. Gary Fletcher	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
226	226.2	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Truck Driver	Mr. Gary Fletcher	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community. <u>TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.</u>	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
226	226.3	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Truck Driver	Mr. Gary Fletcher	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
226	226.4	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Truck Driver	Mr. Gary Fletcher	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
227	227.1	TCM, Mill Operator	David Soulek	I support the mine expansion because I want to keep my job. But also because Thompson Creek helps out the whole area by providing a lot of high paying jobs and contributing to the county.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
228	228.1		Mrs. Shawn Malcolm	<u>Please support the proposed mine expansion of TCM.</u> <u>I support the proposed land exchange.</u> <u>I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.</u>	GEN	Comment noted.	
228	228.2		Mrs. Shawn Malcolm	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	

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228	228.3		Mrs. Shawn Malcolm	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community. <u>TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.</u>	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
228	228.4		Mrs. Shawn Malcolm	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day. The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5 and 3.2.1.2. Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
229	229.1		Mr. Scott Gay	I also know that Challis as it exists may completely collapse if it were not for TCM. The local community would suffer dearly without the economic impact they supply. If the land exchange does not occur it will potentially destroy the entire community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
229	229.2		Mr. Scott Gay	<u>Please support the proposed mine expansion of TCM.</u>	GEN	Comment noted.	
229	229.3		Mr. Scott Gay	Challis Idaho is very dependant upon the operation of the TCM. I have spent a considerable time around and in Challis and have never noticed any negative influence from the mine. It is well hidden from the public and utilizes our natural resources. The land being exchanged has very limited uses but has a very large impact to the community. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in "Phase 8" to access additional deposit of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
229	229.4		Mr. Scott Gay	TCM has been a good steward of our public lands and support Idaho economically in difficult times. I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. The families that depend upon Thompson Creek will be forced to leave the area as there are no other jobs that even compare to the pay and benefits of Thompson Creek in the area. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
229	229.5		Mr. Scott Gay	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day. <u>The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.</u>	GEN	Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
229	229.6		Mr. Scott Gay	Molybdenum is somewhat rare and I'm not even sure it is produced anywhere else in the United States and we would then be forced on to be dependent on other countries as we are now for oil. If we can produce a product here in the states versus purchasing it from a foreign country we as a country are so far ahead and not dependent.	GEN	Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
229	229.7		Mr. Scott Gay	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has benefited from the Mine's contributions.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
230	230.1	Island Park Medical Clinic, Family Nurse Practitioner	Ms. Shelby Rohrbaugh	I am positive if the mine is shut down, not only will it cause a negative spiral effect for the local communities but to all those companies and families who depend on the mine for resources and business.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
230	230.2	Island Park Medical Clinic, Family Nurse Practitioner	Ms. Shelby Rohrbaugh	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in "Phase 8" to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comments noted.	
230	230.3	Island Park Medical Clinic, Family Nurse Practitioner	Ms. Shelby Rohrbaugh	I support Thompson Creek because they use "best practices" to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
230	230.4	Island Park Medical Clinic, Family Nurse Practitioner	Ms. Shelby Rohrbaugh	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group of citizens that has greatly benefited from the Mine's contributions to our community. <u>TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.</u>	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
230	230.5	Island Park Medical Clinic, Family Nurse Practitioner	Ms. Shelby Rohrbaugh	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day. <u>The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.</u>	GEN	Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	

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230	230.6	Island Park Medical Clinic, Family Nurse Practitioner	Ms. Shelby Rohrbaugh	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has benefited from the Mine's contributions by getting to serve them medically.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
231	231.1		Mr. Richard Jensen	I would love to see the Lion Creek area have a public access and if possible connect the rattlesnake and sink creek area. The main old mining roads would be great for RVs.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
231	231.2		Mr. Richard Jensen	It is very important to me and my family that this land exchange go through. The land near the TCM is already too close to the open pit mine and would cost a lot more to open to the public and would be easily damaged by public access.	LAND, LUR	If TCMC acquired the selected land, the current public use of the selected land would remain essentially the same. For example, the two areas of the selected land occasionally used by the public would still be available for public access under the Access Yes program (assuming IDFG approval).	
231	231.3		Mr. Richard Jensen	Even if Lion Creek area cannot be made public, our economy would suffer greatly without this exchange. I strongly urge you to use this public land in the best interest of the majority of the people who call this area home.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
232	232.1		Geb Gebhardt	Thompson Creek has had a positive affect on both Lemhi and Custer county. It has personally provided electrical and HVAC work for my family and I have toured their welding shop and was taught carbon arc welding. Thompson Creek has a trickle effect on the economy. Let's keep it open.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
232	232.2		Geb Gebhardt	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
232	232.3		Geb Gebhardt	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
233	233.1		Claire Casey	I oppose the expansion of TCM!	GEN	Comment noted.	
233	233.10		Claire Casey	What about the Forest Service approval? Have they approved the expansion?	GEN, NEPA	The Forest Service will issue its own ROD related to the MMPO. The Forest Service ROD will initially be a draft pending an objection period.	
233	233.11		Claire Casey	What are [you] doing to protect wildlife? Do you even consider that aspect since it is not in your major statement.	WLF	Potential impacts to wildlife are discussed in Section 4.7 and Section 5.7.	
233	233.12		Claire Casey	Hope the earthquakes are part of your considerations.	GEO	Earthquakes and seismicity are discussed in Sections 3.2.1.4 and 4.2.1.1.	
233	233.2		Claire Casey	Now the rumor is that by November it will just be a skeleton crew - and these people are staying on so the mining company will never have to foot the cost of clean-up! This is typical agency practice so mines closed will never have to clean up their toxic mess.	HAZ, RCL	TCMC already assumes the cost of long term water management, monitoring, and reclamation under the terms of their current MPO. Regardless of whether the mine is actively mining or temporarily shut down TCMC has assumed responsibility for these actions. In addition to administration of funding, the agencies administer implementation of reclamation within their jurisdictions (Section 1.7).	
233	233.3		Claire Casey	I have been to the mine - my question about reclamation - let the gigantic hole be filled with water - open as a motorized boating site!	LUR	The open pit would gradually fill with water (Section 2.1.1.8). Allowing motorized boating is not an option that would be considered due to safety concerns and lack of public access to the pit.	
233	233.4		Claire Casey	What about the frightening DAM? - No answer - who will make sure the surface is covered with water forever? Not the mining company - god forbid they have to put up extra money as they make billions of dollars from mining but not cleanup!	WTR, RCL	The IDWR has the authority over the reclamation of the TSF but would not approve a final plan until the time reclamation; however, the most likely scenario is that the TSF would be capped with 7 ft. of pyrite-reduced tailings solids followed by 2 ft. of inert, Type 1 volcanic material. There would not be any water left in the impoundment. Further information regarding reclamation of the TSF is provided in Section 2.1.1.8 of the EIS.	

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233	233.5		Claire Casey	Mining companies have bought the BLM and that is reflected in the lack of protection the agency gives to MY PUBLIC LAND!	GEN	The BLM is required to administer BLM land in a nonpartisan manner pursuant to the relevant laws and regulations.	
233	233.6		Claire Casey	...the BLM should not allow for the mine expansion...	GEN	The BLM is evaluating in a nonpartisan manner the proposals made by TCMC per the requirements of the NEPA, FLPMA and Federal mining laws.	
233	233.7		Claire Casey	This is not good for the communities of Clayton and Challis and those inholdings along Highway 75. Everyone commissioners, business owners, city government are placed in a yo-yo environment every 10 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
233	233.8		Claire Casey	When the mine owner speaks - BLM should not bow down.	GEN	The BLM is evaluating the proposals made by TCMC per the requirements of NEPA and the FLPMA. Additionally, allowing for land production, including mining, is part of the BLM's mission.	
233	233.9		Claire Casey	In your statement to the papers, it did not state what the mine would do if BLM gave its approval. The taking off the overburden and putting it into a drainage with water and polluting that drainage should be a huge deal. Are you going to consider this? That should be a major concern. If I can remember correctly, it is this direction that the mine wants to do if the expansion is to go ahead for the BLM consideration.	WTR, HAZ	Analysis of the effects to water resources related to the WRSFs is provided in Section 4.6 of the EIS. The BLM considers the effects on all resources before choosing one of the alternatives. The drainages in which WRSFs are, or could be, located in are small and have relatively little surface water. Also, a water management plan (Lorax 2012a) and adaptive groundwater management plan (Lorax 2012b, Section 2.1.1.9) would be in place for perpetuity.	
234	234.1		Mr. Steven Morgan	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
235	235.1		Rodney Verbeck	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
236	236.1		Pauline Tilman	Please support the proposed mine expansion of TCM. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
236	236.2		Pauline Tilman	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
236	236.3		Pauline Tilman	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
236	236.4		Pauline Tilman	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
236	236.5		Pauline Tilman	Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
236	236.6		Pauline Tilman	I support the proposed Land Exchange. The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Comment noted. Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
237	237.1		Buck Palmer	I support the mine expansion and the land exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
238	238.1		Chance Armstrong	I support both the mine expansion and land exchange proposed by TCM in the EIS.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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238	238.2		Chance Armstrong	...the mine offers good jobs, with good pay and benefits.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
238	238.3		Chance Armstrong	Expanding the mine with this proposal would allow me to stay and work in the area I love.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
239	239.1		Richard Harriman	I feel that it is essential for Custer County and the city of Challis to have the BLM approve the proposals put forward by TCM in the EIS.	GEN	Comment noted.	
239	239.2		Richard Harriman	We would like to see mining in this area continue to be part of the economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
240	240.1	Thompson Creek	Mr. Steven Perrenoud	I approve of the land exchange because I would like to keep my job and other peoples jobs. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
240	240.2	Thompson Creek	Mr. Steven Perrenoud	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
241	241.1		Adam Deal	I would like to see the Mine Expansion Proposal approved so that we can keep our jobs and stay in Challis. Thompson Creek is the only employer around that has benefits and decent pay. We want it to stay operable so it can provide as many jobs as possible.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
241	241.2		Adam Deal	I am all for mining so please do what you can to keep the mine operational. I support the mine expansion and the land exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
242	242.1		Lewie Frost	Thompson Creek bought the Broken Wing Ranch and exchanging it with the BLM will make that land available to the public and will allow the mine to continue to run and manage its waste and tailings most efficiently.	LAND, LUR, HAZ	Comment noted.	
242	242.2		Lewie Frost	I support the land exchange and the mine expansion as proposed by TCMC.	GEN	Comment noted.	
243	243.1		Rusty Darrah	I understand what TCM means to the local economy and to the state of Idaho. I have personally seen and felt the effects of reductions in force at TCM. They are very devastating.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
243	243.2		Rusty Darrah	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
244	244.1		Jamie Hardy	There is still a lot of ore to be processed and money to be made here. I believe that the mine should continue operations and be able to access the additional ore deposits. I also support the Mine Expansion proposal because I would like to keep my job which would allow me to stay where my family is.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
244	244.2		Jamie Hardy	Please support the mine expansion and the land exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
244	244.3		Jamie Hardy	I would like to see the public have access to the land that was not available before for camping, hunting and other recreational activities.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
245	245.1		Larry Maynard	We want to see the mine expanded. I have worked at the TCM for 18 of the past 20 years. This is the way we make our living and what we depend on, and what the county depends on. Actually this mine is what the whole surrounding area depends on - the businesses and schools in Salmon, Mackay, Stanley, Challis, Arco and on down the line. We have people at the mine who live far beyond this area, from Idaho Falls, Emmett and Kuna, and they all benefit from this mine. We have ore that will last and can be mined for years and years. We want this to go through so this economy can continue to support the area.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
245	245.2		Larry Maynard	I support the proposal by Thompson Creek mine to expand the mine and exchange the lands as proposed.	GEN	Comment noted.	
246	246.1		Kel Erickson	I support the Mine Expansion and the Land Exchange because I want to keep my job and stay in the area.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
246	246.2		Kel Erickson	I would like to see the mining industry in general succeed and get the permits that they need to stay operable.	GEN	Comment noted.	
246	246.3		Kel Erickson	I love central Idaho. The mine contributes so much to surrounding communities that are dependant on the mine. I used to be a rancher but discovered that the pay is not nearly as good. I have been a lot of things in my life time. This job is by far the best of all my experiences. The income helped me raise my kids in a stable environment.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
246	246.4		Kel Erickson	Please support the mine and the land exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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247	247.1		Tina Foster	I support the TCM Expansion and the Land Exchange because I am an employee at Thompson Creek. My life depends on the mine. Thompson Creek not only supports me but also the community. The contributions to the community have also benefited my family. My kids were born and raised here and graduated from the schools that Thompson Creek contributed to. I feel that the economy would also suffer without the mine. Please help the mine stay open.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
247	247.2		Tina Foster	I support the Mine Expansion and the Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
248	248.1		Andy Bunch	I have been employed by the mine for the last 5 years. I have been coming up here for 20 years before that as a contracted employee for Erickson Glass. I was really happy when Thompson Creek hired me on permanently because of the benefits TCM offers its employees. I have a wife and four kids. We have all been thankful for the benefits. My two year old was born 6 weeks early and had to take life flight out of Salmon to Missoula. He was in a NIC [natal infant care] unit for 21 days. Without the benefits, our family would have been ruined. My insurance through TCM paid for the whole thing.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
248	248.2		Andy Bunch	Please do whatever it takes to keep the mine going so that we can continue our employment here.	GEN	Comment noted.	
249	249.1		Skyler Darrah	I have worked at TCM for a year. This has been my first mining job. I chose mining as a profession because it pays well. I am very happy with my pay at Thompson Creek and would like to continue my employment here.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
249	249.2		Skyler Darrah	I also enjoy living in Challis. I have lived in the area for 14 years. I would like to stay here as long as I can. Please support the mine expansion.	GEN	Comment noted.	
250	250.1		Marcus Wright	Everyone around here hopes that the mine stays running. If the mine shuts down, the community of Challis and other surrounding communities would suffer.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
250	250.2		Marcus Wright	I am writing to show my support for both the mine expansion and the land exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
251	251.1		Jon Shipp	...I support both the Land Exchange and the Mine Expansion as proposed by TCM in the EIS.	GEN	Comment noted.	
251	251.2		Jon Shipp	I am aware of the environmental issues the mine deals with and the steps they take to protect land and water. I am confident that they are doing a good job protecting the environment.	GEN, WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
251	251.3		Jon Shipp	We do a lot of erosion control to protect against runoff and maintain stream water quality.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
251	251.4		Jon Shipp	We do reclamation of mined and impacted lands including roads and exploration areas. We use best practices including planting native seeds that grow well in this high altitude environment. We replant trees and grasses in reclaimed areas and contour the land.	RCL	This comment is not specific to the project and is beyond the scope of this project.	
251	251.5		Jon Shipp	Thompson Creek is conscious of health and human safety by controlling dust from the roads and the ore piles and have used innovative technology, such as wind fences, not previously used in the mining industry.	ANC	Comment noted.	
251	251.6		Jon Shipp	We are conscious of managing hazardous wastes responsibly and controlling any fuel releases or other spills immediately and according to all state and federal requirements. We are set up to respond immediately to these types of occurrences. I am confident that the mine will move forward into Phase 8 in an environmentally safe and protective manner as the mine develops into new ore bodies and manages the associated waste and tailings.	HAZ	Comment noted.	
251	251.7		Jon Shipp	Having worked in the environmental department at Thompson Creek more than a dozen years, I am confident that the management here will take the steps necessary to protect water quality into the future, long after the mine has ceased operations.	WTR, RCL	Comment noted. Long-term water treatment is discussed in Sections 2.1.1.6, 2.1.1.9, and 3.6.	
251	251.8		Jon Shipp	I am also confident that reclamation will be done in a way that will put this land back into its native state.	RCL	Reclamation would not be able to achieve exactly the same "pre-mine" conditions. The overall goal of the reclamation plan is to reclaim the mine site to support wildlife habitats similar to those which occur adjacent to the site. Related objectives include hydrologic function, soil productivity, and aesthetics. The reclamation of the site would produce landforms which provide habitat features and increase the amount of habitat edge. The open pit would not be backfilled, but instead would be fenced and remain as a water storage facility.	
252	252.1		Michael Carl Wall	I have been an employee of Thompson Creek for the last eight years and consider the company to be excellent to employees, a positive contributor to local and state economies, and a great steward of the environment. TCM provides a job for myself and indirectly supports many of my children and grandchildren.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
252	252.2		Michael Carl Wall	I support the NEPA process...	NEPA	Comment noted.	

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252	252.3		Michael Carl Wall	...I support the mine expansion and land exchange as described in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS). I support the proposed alternatives as described in the DEIS, and I strongly encourage the agencies to support TCM and proceed with the process as currently described in the DEIS.	GEN	Comments noted.	
252	252.4		Michael Carl Wall	I look forward to the continued success of the TCM and the positive impacts the mine has on Idaho families, local and state economies, and continued leadership in the mining industry in safety and the environment.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
253	253.1		Concerned Citizen	I live in Challis and I think TCM so keep on running cause it would make a big impact on our community. As for as our school to house property value.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
254	254.1		Codi Adams	I work in Mill Maintenance at TCM. I have been with the mine for 6 years. I support the mine expansion because I want to keep my job. I know that the community also depends on the contributions of Thompson Creek.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
254	254.2		Codi Adams	Please support the proposed mine expansion so that the mine can stay open for an additional 10 years.	GEN	Comment noted.	
255	255.1		Richard Barber	There are not too many jobs in this state that allow me to make the money that I do here. I think that mining is very import to this state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
255	255.2		Richard Barber	...the environmentalists have too much power dictating what goes on in Idaho and other Western States.	OS	This comment is not specific to the project and is beyond the scope of this project.	
255	255.3		Richard Barber	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange. I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
255	255.4		Richard Barber	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
255	255.5		Richard Barber	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
255	255.6		Richard Barber	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
255	255.7		Richard Barber	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
255	255.8		Richard Barber	I support the land exchange because it will enhance my recreational opportunities, and protect water quality and wildlife habitat.	LUR, WTR, WLF	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered parcels would provide additional recreational opportunities along the Salmon River as these lands would be open to the public. Further, if these lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the lands and resources would be managed as directed by the RMP.	
256	256.1	TCM, Mill Coordinator	Mr. Bill Bradshaw	The impact the mine expansion would have on the community and surrounding towns is great. It would be devastating if the mine was not able to continue operating.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
256	256.2	TCM, Mill Coordinator	Mr. Bill Bradshaw	TCM has bee a very good steward of the land and the environment around us.	GEN	Comment noted.	
257	257.1	TCM, Mill Operations Coordinator	Mike Bruno	The opportunities that the mine has provided including high pay, employee benefits and family atmosphere have allowed my family to experience a good life in the community of Challis. Extending mine operations would give us the opportunity to stay in the community and continue to build our family in an area that we love. The mine has been generous to support community groups and events helping meet their needs.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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257	257.2	TCM, Mill Operations Coordinator	Mike Bruno	The mine has been very instrumental in molding stewards of the land and taking care of our resources. Please support the proposed mine expansion.	GEN	Comment noted.	
258	258.1	TCM, Electrician	Bruce Claxton	Thompson Creek is a great company to work for and are environmentally conscious.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
258	258.2	TCM, Electrician	Bruce Claxton	They use the best practices to make sure the land and water are not polluted.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
258	258.3	TCM, Electrician	Bruce Claxton	I hope they can stay in business for many years to come, for my job and the others that work here. We need the proposed mine expansion for Thompson Creek to keep going and keep the hundreds of people working here employed.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
258	258.4	TCM, Electrician	Bruce Claxton	I would like to see the land exchange go through. Thompson Creek has no use for the ranch and it would help the mining process a lot. We need this so we can expand into phase 8 which is our next step.	LAND	TCMC purchased the Broken Wing Ranch specifically to offer it as part of the land exchange with the BLM. The decision on the land exchange would not change the decision on the MMPO; the MMPO can occur regardless of which land disposal alternative is chosen, including the no action.	
258	258.5	TCM, Electrician	Bruce Claxton	So please accept Thompson Creek expansion proposal.	GEN	Comment noted.	
259	259.1		John Coles	I would like the Mine Expansion Proposal to be approved so that I can keep my job and so that the Salmon and Challis communities can continue on. Without the mine, there wouldn't be much going on.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
259	259.2		John Coles	I would also like to support the land exchange because I would like to open up the corridor that will allow public access to the land previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
259	259.3		John Coles	I support the Land Exchange. Please support the proposed mine expansion of TCM.	GEN	Comment noted.	
260	260.1		Steve England	...[I] work for TCM and would really like the land exchange to go through so that the mine will stay open and my employment will continue. I would like to be able to stay here until I can retire.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
260	260.2		Steve England	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
260	260.3		Steve England	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
261	261.1		Kel Erickson	I support the Mine Expansion and the Land Exchange because I want to keep my job and stay in the area.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
261	261.2		Kel Erickson	I would like to see the mining industry in general succeed and get the permits that they need to stay operable.	GEN	Comment noted.	
261	261.3		Kel Erickson	I love central Idaho. The mine contributes so much to surrounding communities that are dependant on the mine. I used to be a rancher but discovered that the pay is not nearly as good. I have been a lot of things in my life time. This job is by far the best of all my experiences. The income helped me raise my kids in a stable environment.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
261	261.4		Kel Erickson	Please support the mine expansion and the land exchange. Anything to help keep the mine going.	GEN	Comment noted.	
262	262.1		Jan Hardman	The success of our business was a direct result of the mine and its many employees. The employment opportunities provided by the mine have made it possible for many of the young folks in Challis to remain in the area and to raise their families. The better than average pay schedule has made it possible for them to build or purchase new homes and enjoy a life style that cannot be had in the cities.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
262	262.2		Jan Hardman	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in "Phase 8" to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
262	262.3		Jan Hardman	Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community. AS a former business owner in Challis I am aware of the economic value of the mine to the area. I was personally involved with the mine from its very beginning. I worked with Brown & Root and several of the sub-contractors during the construction phase of the mine. I have several family member who work for or have worked at the mine and therefore know the value of the jobs provided by the mine.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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262	262.4		Jan Hardman	The mines need for a continuous supply of high quality electricity provided the area with a much needed power line upgrade. The need for reliable communications system has enabled the local telephone company to expand its facilities.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
262	262.5		Jan Hardman	The tax base to the county by the mine and its many employees has enabled the county to expand many of its services.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
262	262.6		Jan Hardman	I believe that the proposed land exchange will also provide additional recreational opportunities along the Salmon River.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
263	263.1		Jim Jarnagin	I support the proposal by Thompson Creek mine to expand the mine operation to include Phase 8, including east and west high walls.	GEN	Comment noted.	
263	263.2		Jim Jarnagin	The mine needs to expand the waste dumps and water infiltration systems as part of this process. The tailings system also needs to be expanded under the proposed mine expansion.	HAZ, WTR	Comment noted. Under the proposed MMPO the WRSFs and TSF would be expanded. Under all alternatives, including Alternative M1, the water management system would be expanded/improved.	
263	263.3		Jim Jarnagin	TCM and its operation has a big impact on the economy of Central Idaho, and I support continuing the life of the mine as described in this EIS. I urge the BLM to support the Mine's proposal as written.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
264	264.1		John Keppner	I would like TCM to be allowed to continue to operate this mine. They have a proven record of good stewardship at this mine. I support expansion of the mine to include Phase 8.	GEN	Comment noted.	
264	264.2		John Keppner	Thompson Creek has been a good community partner and has supported the communities in this area for many years, especially any and all youth programs and activities. The list is long of those organizations, groups, and entities that have received support from the mine over the years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
264	264.3		John Keppner	I oppose the land exchange.	LAND	Comment noted.	
264	264.4		John Keppner	There is already too much federal land in this county and other counties in Idaho.	LUR	Under the preferred land disposal alternative (L2) the amount of Federal land would decrease by a negligible amount in Custer County and would increase by a negligible amount in Bannock County (Section 4.12.2.2). Other counties in Idaho are out of scope of this analysis.	
265	265.1		Pat Kinney	I think it is a good idea to put the land to use where people are able to enjoy it and keep the income in this side of the state going. Without the TCM, this area would be negatively impacted in a wide spread area.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
265	265.2		Pat Kinney	I support the land exchange and the mine expansion as proposed by TCMC in the EIS.	GEN	Comment noted.	
265	265.3		Pat Kinney	I want to continue my employment at this mine.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
266	266.1	TCM, Heavy Equipment Operator	Ms. Tara Lampman	Due to unreasonable environmental restrictions in Washington State I have suffered job layoffs and financial difficulty. I am a fourth generation resident of my rural home town in Randle WA and I refuse to be forced to permanently leave my home that I love because over zealous environmentalist have forced good employers who pay their employees well and care about the community to go elsewhere with their companies.	OS	This comment is not specific to the project and is beyond the scope of this project.	
266	266.2	TCM, Heavy Equipment Operator	Ms. Tara Lampman	I am in support of the proposed mine expansion of TCM.	GEN	Comment noted.	
266	266.3	TCM, Heavy Equipment Operator	Ms. Tara Lampman	I am not in favor of seeing a land exchange. The ranch land that has been proposed in the land exchange would be greatly missed. So much farm and ranch land is disappearing that I would be sad to see this Ranch forever lost.	LAND	Under the agency-preferred alternative (Alternative L2), the ranch would remain in agriculture and with livestock grazing, but with some changes to increase protection of natural resources.	
266	266.4	TCM, Heavy Equipment Operator	Ms. Tara Lampman	But because TCM is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho and in my personal case is a vital for me to make a living and keep my home and horse ranch in Randle, Washington. So as you can see the TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me, my family, and friends directly.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
266	266.5	TCM, Heavy Equipment Operator	Ms. Tara Lampman	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed Phase 8.	GEN	Comment noted.	
266	266.6	TCM, Heavy Equipment Operator	Ms. Tara Lampman	TCM is one of the best mines I have worked for that really do care about the environment and work very hard to protect the land, water, wildlife, and the surrounding communities of the mine site.	WTR, WLF, SOC	Comment noted.	
267	267.1		Greg Mills	Please support the Land Exchange and Mine Expansion	GEN	Comment noted.	

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267	267.10		Greg Mills	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
267	267.11		Greg Mills	I support the land exchange because it will enhance my recreational opportunities, and protect water quality and wildlife habitat.	LUR, WTR, WLF	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered parcels would provide additional recreational opportunities along the Salmon River as these lands would be open to the public. Further, if these lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the lands and resources would be managed as directed by the RMP.	
267	267.2		Greg Mills	My job is not the only reason that I support it. I like to hunt and fish in the area and I understand that the land exchange will open up new hunting areas.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
267	267.3		Greg Mills	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
267	267.4		Greg Mills	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
267	267.5		Greg Mills	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
267	267.6		Greg Mills	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
267	267.7		Greg Mills	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
267	267.8		Greg Mills	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
267	267.9		Greg Mills	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
268	268.1		Tad Nigg	I support the mine expansion because I would like to preserve my job and the jobs of the people I work with. I have worked at Thompson Creek off and on for several years. I always come back to Thompson Creek because they are a good employer and the benefits are good. I would like to stay here and see the mine keep going. The location is awesome.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
269	269.1		Dale Nutt	I also work for TCM, I feel this is good for my town and my son and me for our lives. I support this proposed mine expansion and land exchange for TCM. I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
269	269.2		Dale Nutt	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
270	270.1	Thompson Creek, Equipment Operator	Jim Peninger	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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270	270.2	Thompson Creek, Equipment Operator	Jim Peninger	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy. I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
271	271.1		Bryan Ruddell	I fully support the Expansion and Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
271	271.10		Bryan Ruddell	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
271	271.2		Bryan Ruddell	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
271	271.3		Bryan Ruddell	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
271	271.4		Bryan Ruddell	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
271	271.5		Bryan Ruddell	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
271	271.6		Bryan Ruddell	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
271	271.7		Bryan Ruddell	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
271	271.8		Bryan Ruddell	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
271	271.9		Bryan Ruddell	I support the land exchange because it will enhance my recreational opportunities, and protect water quality and wildlife habitat.	LUR, WTR, WLF	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered parcels would provide additional recreational opportunities along the Salmon River as these lands would be open to the public. Further, if these lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the lands and resources would be managed as directed by the RMP.	
272	272.1		Anthony Tappan	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
273	273.1	Thompson Creek, Mill Operator	Mr. Dave Thomas	I have worked here for four years and urge you to support expansion of TCM.	GEN	Comment noted.	
273	273.2	Thompson Creek, Mill Operator	Mr. Dave Thomas	...Thompson Creek is important to central Idaho because it lets folks like me who love the area to stay here, have a good job and still enjoy the activities I love in the outdoors.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
274	274.1	TCM, Environmental Equipment Operator	Curt Whittaker	My family depends on the mine. It is a good asset to Custer County and Lemhi County. The people depend on the income and the benefits that TCM offers. I have worked other places and this is the best place I have worked. TCM takes care of their people and the land they are operating on they protect the land and water and help with the community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
274	274.2	TCM, Environmental Equipment Operator	Curt Whittaker	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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274	274.3	TCM, Environmental Equipment Operator	Curt Whittaker	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
274	274.4	TCM, Environmental Equipment Operator	Curt Whittaker	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
274	274.5	TCM, Environmental Equipment Operator	Curt Whittaker	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
274	274.6	TCM, Environmental Equipment Operator	Curt Whittaker	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
274	274.7	TCM, Environmental Equipment Operator	Curt Whittaker	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
274	274.8	TCM, Environmental Equipment Operator	Curt Whittaker	I support the land exchange because it will enhance my recreational opportunities, and protect water quality and wildlife habitat.	LUR, WTR, WLF	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered parcels would provide additional recreational opportunities along the Salmon River as these lands would be open to the public. Further, if these lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the lands and resources would be managed as directed by the RMP.	
275	275.1		Martha Strickler	The mine here is a very important value to our area - the loss would be very high impact to our area. We hope to have the mine continue here.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
276	276.1		Ted Strickler	I am in favor of the mine staying in production here. The loss of the mine would cause loss of income here and devaluation of all properties in the total area here.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
277	277.1		Charlotte R. Malcom	I would like to see the mine continue to operate for I have two sons that are employed there. It will affect Custer and Lemhi Counties. There are no jobs to speak of in these areas.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
278	278.1		Kandice Rembelski	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
278	278.2		Kandice Rembelski	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community. ~~TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.~~	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
279	279.1	Bailey's Tire & Auto Parts	Doug and Becky Bailey	Our business relies heavily on TCM. They are our biggest customer and carry us through the winter when the ranches have all but shut down. If the mine closes it would be devastating to our business. We have 5 full time employees and in the summer as many as 9. If the mine closes, most of the people will leave, thus making Challis a ghost town. TCM is such a large part of this community, I don't know how we would go on. I truly doubt that I would be able to keep my business open.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
280	280.1	Bailey's Tire & Auto Parts	Ms. Lynne McBride	I work for Bailey Tire and Auto. My job relies on sales. Thompson Creek is one of our largest accounts and we really depend on them.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
280	280.2	Bailey's Tire & Auto Parts	Ms. Lynne McBride	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
281	281.1		Ron Bricker	If they close the mine it will adversely affect all segments of the area, from the schools to the electric co-op to the businesses.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
281	281.2		Ron Bricker	It is extremely hard to open new mining with all of the permits and environmental issues so we need to keep existing ones open and working.	GEN, OS	This comment is beyond the scope of this project.	

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281	281.3		Ron Bricker	Recession and job loss issues are still present.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
282	282.1	Custer County Commissioners	Wayne F. Butts, Chairman	As the largest employer in our county we encourage every possible avenue be pursued for their continuation. Many benefits have surfaced having a highly regarded company like TCM offer a livelihood to our local citizens. The community also has appreciated their encouragement to their employees to serve on many boards and committees through the years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
282	282.2	Custer County Commissioners	Wayne F. Butts, Chairman	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
282	282.3	Custer County Commissioners	Wayne F. Butts, Chairman	They also spend considerable dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community. They help to make happy holidays for many families who would otherwise go without.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
282	282.4	Custer County Commissioners	Wayne F. Butts, Chairman	In studying through the Federal Registry Posting we find we can unanimously support the alternatives listed as M2-MMPO as submitted by TCMC and L2-Land Exchange Proposal submitted by TCMC.	GEN	Comment noted.	
283	283.1	Berry Electric, Inc.	Rex and Luanne Berry	We have lived in Challis since 1981. This is our home. The proposed expansion would help us remain in our home and our town.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
284	284.1	Custer Telephone Cooperative, Inc., CEO and General Manager	Dennis L. Thornock	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
284	284.2	Custer Telephone Cooperative, Inc., CEO and General Manager	Dennis L. Thornock	Thompson Creek uses 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
284	284.3	Custer Telephone Cooperative, Inc., CEO and General Manager	Dennis L. Thornock	The company is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages, therefore stimulating the overall economy in Idaho. The company is also a supporter of the communities, schools and numerous events in Custer and Lemhi counties, Idaho.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
284	284.4	Custer Telephone Cooperative, Inc., CEO and General Manager	Dennis L. Thornock	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day. The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
284	284.5	Custer Telephone Cooperative, Inc., CEO and General Manager	Dennis L. Thornock	I encourage a positive decision to approve the Land Exchange and Mine Plan Expansion.	GEN	Comment noted.	
285	285.1		David Termer	The families that depend on the mine and businesses are effected.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
286	286.1	Bonneville Industrial Supply Company	Jordan Thacker	The continuation of the mine is very important to our business. Thompson Creek Mining provides us the ability to serve other business throughout the Challis/Salmon area. Without TCM's business we would no longer be able to serve these other businesses. The mine is a strong contributor to the success of our business and a vital part of local economy throughout central and eastern Idaho.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
286	286.2	Bonneville Industrial Supply Company	Jordan Thacker	Thank you for letting me take this opportunity to express my support for Thompson Creek Mining Company's expansion and land exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
287	287.1	Bonneville Industrial Supply Company	Kent and Garrett Thacker	We, Bonneville Industrial Supply Co., a business for the last fifty years of eastern Idaho and supplier to Thompson Creek Mining Company are unanimously in support of its proposed Mine Expansion and Land Exchange. We have been supplying goods and services to TCM since the construction of the mine began and look forward to the continuation of these services in the future.	GEN	Comment noted.	
287	287.2	Bonneville Industrial Supply Company	Kent and Garrett Thacker	TCM is considered one of our largest customers. They are highly recognized for purchasing their goods and services locally throughout Idaho. They are not only a great asset to our company, but also to all of Idaho. TCM's record of environmental excellence and overall operations are considered one of the highest in Idaho. The domino effect will be disastrous not only to our company, but also to our region and entire state if this expansion and land exchange does not take place. Eastern Idaho relies largely on industries of this size for its economic survival. If we continue to lose these large industries, our company which employs several employees at various locations throughout Idaho will not be able to survive, thus resulting in even more lost taxes and revenue to our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
288	288.1		Marshall Ogden	The mine is a vital factor economically to even maintain the status quo.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
288	288.2		Marshall Ogden	We encourage the government to reasonably help the mine stay operational.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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289	289.1		Unknown	Mine expansion means more jobs.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
290	290.1		Susie Morton	We need the mine to support our economy and schools. Without the mine the town of Challis will dry up and many businesses will have to close.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
291	291.1		Rick Philps	If the mine shuts down everybody's taxes will raise bunches.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
291	291.2		Rick Philps	Also, the land exchange should be left on the tax rolls, preferably as working ranches.	LAND	Under the agency-preferred alternative (Alternative L2), the ranch would remain in agriculture and with livestock grazing, but with some changes to increase protection of natural resources.	
292	292.1	Moly-Cop USA	Steven Ornduff	...Thompson Creek is an extremely important corporate citizen, making not only significant contributions to the tax base of the local area and the State of Idaho, but also in the sponsorship of many educational and charitable activities in the community. Your approval of the proposed Land Exchange will make the mine plan and thus the future of Thompson Creek possible. By doing this, you are supporting not only the employees and families of Thompson Creek, but also are allowing the continuation of significant contributions to the local community and the State.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
293	293.1	Redbird Mine	Ross E. Williams	My comments will not address the MMPO, as I believe TCMC is a good steward of the land and the various alternatives to the MMPO do not directly affect us.	GEN	Comment noted.	
293	293.2	Redbird Mine	Ross E. Williams	Some of the Land Disposal Alternatives, however, would significantly affect the value of our property and restrict our enjoyment of it due to the fact that our western property line abuts the eastern property line of the Selected Land shown in Figure 1.2 of the EIS.	LAND	The effects to property adjacent to the selected and offered lands are described in the EIS (Section 4.13.2.). The effects in the DEIS were revised in the FEIS to describe an effect to the private property adjacent to the selected land. However, the effect would not be significant as no new activities on the selected land would be reasonably foreseeable in the subject area.	
293	293.3	Redbird Mine	Ross E. Williams	Our preferences (in declining order) for the different Land Disposal Alternatives are as follows: 1. Alternative L4 - Reduced Area Land Exchange, Fee Simple - Support 2. Alternative L1 - No Action - Support 3. Alternative L5 - Reduced Area Land Exchange, Easement - Mildly Oppose 4. Alternative L2 - Land Exchange Proposal - Strongly Oppose 5. <u>Alternative L3 - Land Sale - Strongly Oppose</u>	LAND	Comment noted.	
293	293.4	Redbird Mine	Ross E. Williams	Here are our reasons for the preference order above: 1. Potential conflicts from sharing a common property line. TCMC is a high-impact user of the environment. Our use of our property (vacation/recreation) could not be more diametrically opposed. We have had a cordial relationship over the years because we are separated by enough of a buffer zone so that our activities do not affect each other. Alternatives L2 and L3 would eliminate that buffer zone. While the EIS states that TCMC has no current plans for mining or development, the fact is that they would own the property and could use it in any legal way under Alt L2 or L3, irrespective of any negative impact it would have on us.	LAND	The NEPA process is limited to evaluating reasonably foreseeable effects, i.e., those that are likely to occur or are probable rather than those that are merely possible. However, the effects analysis was revised to include an effect to the property value of the adjacent private land.	

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293	293.5	Redbird Mine	Ross E. Williams	2. Conflict with proposed direct sale of public lands to Red Bird Mine. In 2005, it was brought to my attention that land surrounding our property had been identified in the then current RMP for disposal. The desire by the BLM was to square our property lines, eliminate an in-holding, and resolve a property line that cut through one of our buildings. We pursued that and were significantly along in the process, have completed a BA, EA, and cultural survey, among other studies. In fact, we only had to complete the final surveying and consummate the sale. We spent over \$100,000 on this, however due to the recession and real estate crash, we put the project on delay. We would like to eventually complete the process and purchase the property that had been identified by the BLM for disposal. Alternatives L2, L3, and L5 encroach upon the proposed western property line of the disposal land we had hoped to acquire.	LAND	The TCMC-BLM land exchange proposal included BLM land on the east side of S. Creek Road adjacent to the Red Bird property. However, the BLM believes a property line along S. Creek Road (except adjacent to the sliver of Red Bird property on the east side of the road) would be in the best interest of the public, e.g., readily identifiable on the ground and excludes riparian areas along S. Creek. Therefore, the boundary of the selected land was modified accordingly for Alternative L2 (with the agreement of the proponent), Alternative L3, and Alternative L5. Accordingly, in the event of a sale of BLM land around the Red Bird property, the western boundary of the sale land would be similarly modified. The DEIS was revised to clarify that the northeast boundary of the selected land would be S. Creek Road except for where the boundary would be adjacent to a sliver of Red Bird property on the west side of the road.	
293	293.6	Redbird Mine	Ross E. Williams	3. Reduced value of our property. As a recreational property, there is value in the absolute seclusion we currently enjoy by being surrounded by federal land. Abutting the private property of a heavy industrial neighbor, as would be the case under Alts L2, L3, and to a certain extent L5, will undoubtedly reduce our property value, although it is difficult to say exactly how much.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
293	293.7	Redbird Mine	Ross E. Williams	With that said, we want to be as accommodating as possible to TCMC, which is why we prefer L4 - Reduced Area Land Exchange to L1 - No Action. We appreciate that TCMC is Custer County's largest employer and contributes significantly to the local economy. We believe Alternative L4 allows TCMC to pursue its mining activities in full without encroaching on our future enjoyment of or plans for our property.	LAND, SOC	Comment noted.	
294	294.1	Dubois Construction	Derin Dubois	I am a contractor and any extra work indirectly from the mine is obvious.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
295	295.1	Goodyear, Off-the-Road Tires Region Manager	David M. Stanley	There is not a huge amount of mining in my eight state territories so the closure of this mine site will have a large and adverse effect o the health of my region, and could possibly impact my job.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
296	296.1		Ms. Elma Bradbury	If the mine closes it will make taxes raise. Friends and family will have to move away. Prices will get depressed on housing where we have to sell.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
297	297.1		Elinore Carrigan	We need the economy of the mine for our county. We want our young people to have jobs and an opportunity to stay home if they choose.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
298	298.1	Salmon River Electric Cooperative, Inc., General Manager	Ken Dizes	Salmon River Electric Cooperative, Inc. has served electricity to the Thompson Creek Mining Company for over thirty years. During those thirty plus years TCMC has been instrumental in keeping power rates affordable to our member owners. This is largely attributed to the large number of workers they employ and the larger customer base it creates for the Cooperative. TCMC's continued operation is important to SREC's ability to continue offering affordable electricity to its member owners. Providing affordable electricity to our member owners is vital to the local economies of Challis, Clayton, Stanley communities and surrounding areas we serve.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
298	298.2	Salmon River Electric Cooperative, Inc., General Manager	Ken Dizes	SREC supports the Mine Expansion and Land Exchange Proposals. TCMC has provided excellent environmental stewardship in our opinion and we have every confidence that they will continue to do so. We know that it is very important to the mine's future operation that these proposals are approved by the Bureau of Land Management. We urge the BLM to approve the proposals and move expeditiously to implement the steps necessary to make the continued operation of the mine a reality.	GEN	Comment noted.	
298	298.3	Salmon River Electric Cooperative, Inc., General Manager	Ken Dizes	TCMC has been fiscally responsible to the Cooperative. In addition we have witnessed the mine has supported our youth and many organizations, and events in our community. We strongly believe they have improved the quality of life in the communities and areas we serve.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
298	298.4	Salmon River Electric Cooperative, Inc., General Manager	Ken Dizes	Once again we urge you to approve and move forward the steps necessary to implement the Mine Expansion and Land Exchange Proposals. It will help facilitate the rebounding of our sluggish local, state and national economies not to mention bolstering the global supply of an important modern metal.	GEN	Comment noted.	
299	299.1		Judy Madsen	Mine expansion is vital to our community economically as well as with schools and support in the community. As a retired school teacher I know what losing the numerous families will do to the school system. Challis will be in dire straits.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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300	300.1		Richard Malcolm	Closing the mine would affect the businesses in Lemhi and Custer Counties and also the state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
301	301.1		Gary Slette	As a citizen of the USA, I am in favor of jobs in this country. Our natural resources need to be fully developed for the country's benefit. Pushing jobs away to other countries only serves to defeat America.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
301	301.2		Gary Slette	The land exchange is fair and prudent and needs to be accomplished.	LAND	As noted in Section 2.2 of the DEIS, FLPMA requires that the public interest would be well served by a land exchange. In considering whether an exchange is in the public interest, the FLPMA directs the Secretary of the Interior to "give full consideration to better Federal land management and the needs of State and local people, including needs for lands for the economy, community expansion, recreation areas, food, fiber, minerals, and fish and wildlife..." The Secretary must also find "that the values and the objectives which Federal lands or interests to be conveyed may serve if retained in Federal ownership are not more than the values of the non-Federal lands or interests and the public objectives they could serve if acquired" (FLPMA Section 206(a)). The EIS evaluates the effects to the resources such that the decision maker may evaluate if the land exchange <u>would be in the public interest.</u>	
302	302.1	Motion Industries, Corporate Account Manager	Ron Kesler	We feel that Thompson Creek Metals is a responsible and vital producer of precious metals throughout North America and specifically in Idaho. Thompson Creek Metals is a strong business partner with whom we have a long standing relationship. In addition to the favorable relationship with TCM, I feel the total economic impact of their mining operation is also an important benefit to the community, Idaho and the nation.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
302	302.2	Motion Industries, Corporate Account Manager	Ron Kesler	I would like to express my support of the proposed mine expansion and land exchange in Central Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
303	303.1		Mike Shaffer	Heavy equipment hauler - so would lose some loads - our economy in the northwest is already depressed enough!	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
304	304.1		Larry and Carol Andiss	We have a son-in-law and three grandsons that work at the mine. If the mine closed, taxes would ?????! Houses would foreclose. Electricity would go up. All life would be affected.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
305	305.1	Conrad Bischoff Inc., Vice President	Kirk Hansen	TCM is the chief financial entity for Custer County. Without the mine, Custer County would not be able to support itself. In addition to employment the mine gives many scholarships to local students, the main support for many local charities, and the main financial backer for local functions such as rodeos, concerts, and schools.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
305	305.2	Conrad Bischoff Inc., Vice President	Kirk Hansen	The molybdenum from TCM is some of the purest in the world. Molybdenum is an important ingredient in products we use everyday, including lubricants, computers, and steel.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
305	305.3	Conrad Bischoff Inc., Vice President	Kirk Hansen	We at Conrad & Bischoff hope that TCM will be allowed to expand their operations and thus benefit local, as well as, far reaching economies.	GEN	Comment noted.	
306	306.1	Stinker Stores, President	Charley Jones	In our role of fuel supplier to the mine, we visit the mine site nearly every day it is operating. I have personally visited the mine site on many occasions. Thompson Creek's management and people are dedicated, ethical, and professional. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
306	306.2	Stinker Stores, President	Charley Jones	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
307	307.1	Hydrometrics, Inc., President	Michael Wignot	Hydrometrics is sending this letter in support of the plans for expansion and exchange of land at the TCM.	GEN	Comment noted.	
307	307.2	Hydrometrics, Inc., President	Michael Wignot	Hydrometrics, Inc. is an environmental consulting firm, with staff in Montana and Idaho, which is proud of our small role in helping Thompson Creek with their efforts to use best management practices to keep their environmental footprint to a minimum. We have assisted the mine with several projects to improve the quality of their discharge water.	WTR	Comment noted.	
307	307.3	Hydrometrics, Inc., President	Michael Wignot	Additionally, we have helped Thompson Creek with projects to reduce dust and improve air quality. We have been impressed by their willingness to tackle these projects head-on using the best available technologies to achieve the best management practices for controlling the environmental impacts of their mine.	ANC	Comment noted.	

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307	307.4	Hydrometrics, Inc., President	Michael Wignot	A few of the important benefits this expansion will provide include the following: Development of a critical resource that is important to our country. Good jobs with high wages and excellent benefits. Tens or even hundreds of thousands of dollars in local giving to vital community resources. <u>Support and jobs to service providers like Hydrometrics.</u>	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
308	308.1		Ms. Linda Curtis	I am senior of this community and have a rental property so the more people in town spreads the expense. I work in this school district for thirty-four years so I saw the boom-bust from that perspective. I love this area, hope we can keep as many of our young families here.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
309	309.1		Dick Finlayson	We recognize the beneficial and positive impact TCM has on Challis, Custer County and the surrounding area. We strongly support the proposed expansion and land exchange.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
310	310.1		Susan Buxton	The historic use, job creation and thoughtful stewardship justifies extending the mine's operations. Environmentalists do not employ the people of Custer County.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
311	311.1		DeLouis Jewitt	I believe the mine should be allowed to keep going. They help with the taxes besides all of the other donations they give. They also give a lot of jobs to people.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
312	312.1		Ralph Williams	I hate the thought of the mine closing down. It helps the community a lot. And it give the younger people a job and that is what it is all about.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
313	313.1		Martin Sandborgh	I ...worked at TCM for 6 years and have seen the positive impact on the communities of Salmon and Challis, Idaho. I have relocated on account of cutbacks but still own a house in Salmon. I would very much like to see TCM continue its operation at Clayton.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
314	314.1		Jerry Miller	As a resident of Lemhi County I can definitely see how the mine closure will affect our entire area. Aside from government employment Thompson Creek is the largest employer bar none. Many Salmon residents work there as well as those from Challis. Closure will very adversely affect the economics of both counties. Mine expansion is good for us all.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
315			Heidi Haserot	[no text or comments contained in email]		No comments to address.	
316	316.1		Sandy Thomsen	We have a law office in Challis and closing the mine would adversely affect our business.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
317	317.1		Perry Whittaker	The TCM is a major employer in Custer County and as such is vitally important to the local economy not only for good paying jobs but also its financial importance to the county. It is also important to the tax revenues for the State of Idaho. It offers several good paying jobs that would be difficult to replace if Thompson Creek were not operational.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
317	317.2		Perry Whittaker	The Modified Mining Plan of Operations (MMPO) is important to the future of this mining operation. Assuming that it provides for best management practices, continued mining operations, and ultimately a final reclamation plan approved by the agencies for the depleted site at the end of mining operations my recommendation is to approve the EIS that supports the MMPO.	GEN	Chapter 2 presents the proposed mining operations; environmental controls, monitoring, and mitigation; and reclamation. Comment noted.	
317	317.3		Perry Whittaker	There is a large discrepancy in federal versus private acres to be exchanged; however, as long as the appraisals are based on equal market value the accompanying exchange is desirable. This assumes that mineral value is not part of the valuation. If mineral value is to be included, it will likely be very difficult to determine with much sense of accuracy. It would then be extremely important for the appraisal assignment to be carried out by an appraiser with similar experience and reviewed under the Yellow Book standards.	LAND, SOC	There is no meaningful mineral value related to the selected land, particularly because the land containing all of the ore body is private land owned by TCMC, e.g., Gardner 2008.	
317	317.4		Perry Whittaker	In summary, I am in favor of the Draft EIS for the TCM Expansion and accompanying Land Exchange base on the above comments.	GEN	Comment noted.	
318	318.1		Kris Wirth	The proposed trade is inequitable, by acreage alone.	LAND	FLPMA rules state that an exchange must be of approximate "equal value", not equal acreage. The BLM also considers management implications, value to the public, and natural resource values associated with the exchange parcels.	
318	318.2		Kris Wirth	I oppose the transfer of public land along Thompson Creek and watershed breaks to the east.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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318	318.3		Kris Wirth	The natural resource value of Thompson and Squaw creek watersheds are of incomparable value to the resource value of the Broken Wing Ranch.	WTR	The fisheries values of Thompson and S. Creek tributaries are not comparable to Lyon Creek. However, the value of protecting several miles of the mainstem Salmon River from development is substantial. The BLM is relinquishing several miles of DCH on Thompson and S. Creeks for a reduced length of DCH on Lyon Creek. These discrepancies would be offset by the conservation easement restrictions placed on the management and development of the Thompson and S. Creek drainages. The BLM will retain protection of Thompson and S. Creeks via the conservation easement while gaining the management and restoration ability for 4 miles of the <u>Salmon River and 1.5 miles of Lyon</u>	
318	318.4		Kris Wirth	I would prefer the proposed establishment of the proposed permanent conservation easement for the Thompson Creek corridor.	ALT	There would be a conservation easement along Thompson Creek under all of the land disposal action alternatives (Section 2.2.6). The easement would ensure the protection of riparian values along the portion of <u>Thompson Creek in the selected land.</u>	
318	318.5		Kris Wirth	I feel BLM's stewardship of a ranch would be a financial burden on BLM and of no public value.	LAND	The costs to the BLM associated with the US obtaining the ranch are summarized in Section 4.13.2. sufficient for the BLM to make an informed decision on the matter. The section was revised to include the costs of installing interpretative signs. The BLM is required to evaluate the land exchange proposal in the overall public interest, i.e., considering a wide variety of factors in addition to administrative costs.	
318	318.6		Kris Wirth	We seem to be trading mica for gold. In a business sense the proposal, to me, seem absurd. I protest the idea of "giving" Thompson Creek, Squaw Creek (corridors), and adjacent watersheds to a (foreign) mine.	GEN	The BLM would not be "giving" TCMC the selected land. Alternatives L2, L4, and L5 would result in an exchange of land between TCMC and BLM that would result in, overall, a net gain in resource values for the US. If Alternative L3 was selected, the US would sell the selected land to the winning bidder at market value. TCMC's parent company is located in Canada, which is of no bearing on the decision.	
319	319.1		anonymous	The entire City of Challis and County of Custer needs Thompson Creek Mining Company as part of the community. TCM contributes so much to our area.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
320	320.1		Robert L. Geddes	I am writing to offer my strong support to allow expansion of pit limits and land exchange proposals for the TCM located in Custer County near Challis, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
320	320.2		Robert L. Geddes	I see little impact to the environment that would outweigh the many benefits that come with this facility remaining operational. I am comfortable with the mining and reclamation practices that Thompson Creek is employing and I believe based on my experience of nearly 40 years in the mining business that they are responsible operators.	RCL	Comment noted. Current reclamation at the mine has been successful.	
320	320.3		Robert L. Geddes	I have also hunted in the Challis area and have observed little impact or downside to this operation. While the environmental impacts must be addressed and managed appropriately, the resource is available and should be appropriately utilized.	LUR	The EIS analyzes environmental effects.	
320	320.4		Robert L. Geddes	The economic well-being of this region would be devastated if this operation is not permitted and allowed to remain.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
320	320.5		Robert L. Geddes	The land exchange that they are proposing is a win-win benefit for the environment, public access and recreation.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
321	321.1		Bill Hitesman	We need TCM to stay open because it helps the community by keeping people working. If it stays open it will bring people back to Custer County.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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322	322.1		Linda Hitesman	We need TCM to stay open because it helps the community. It also keeps people working at the phone, Salmon River Electric, and propane company and stores and restaurants.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
323	323.1	Hecla, VP External Affairs	Luke Russell	The TCM is the economic life blood to Custer County and surrounding communities. TCM is the largest employer in Custer County, with approximately 250 employees. Typically, the mine accounts for one out of every five jobs in Custer County, 39 percent of wages and salaries in Custer County, and \$114 million of Idaho's total personal income.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
323	323.10	Hecla, VP External Affairs	Luke Russell	In addition, important public objectives would be secured including the protection of wildlife habitat and headwater land, preservation of water qualities and enhancement of recreational opportunities.	WLF, WTR, LUR	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered parcels would provide additional recreational opportunities along the Salmon River as these lands would be open to the public. Further, if these lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the lands and resources would be managed as directed by the RMP.	
323	323.11	Hecla, VP External Affairs	Luke Russell	The land exchange will have minimal impact to the local property tax base. I understand there is local concern about taking the Salmon River land, that is an operating private ranch, paying Custer County property tax, off the tax rolls. However, this land will be traded for now public land that will become private land once the mine acquires it and become part of the Custer County tax rolls. Because both properties are in Custer County, following the land swap the mine will pay property tax on the newly acquired (and formerly BLM) lands.	LAND, SOC	The land exchange would have only negligible effects on the tax base of Custer County.	
323	323.2	Hecla, VP External Affairs	Luke Russell	The Mine has been in operation since 1981 and is permitted for approximately 3400 acres of surface disturbance. The operation includes 2511 acres of BLM and National Forest System Lands. The TCM proposed mine expansion would simply extend the existing facilities, constrain impacts to existing drainages, and increase the environmental footprint by only about 11 percent. All the while maintaining the mines significant economic impact on the region for an additional 10 or more years.	GEN	Comment noted.	
323	323.3	Hecla, VP External Affairs	Luke Russell	Extending the life of the mine would help to create about \$2.5 million in community contributions and \$8.4 million in property tax payments.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
323	323.4	Hecla, VP External Affairs	Luke Russell	The TCM proposal (M2) would also, on a long-term basis, collect water from the waste rock storage facilities and tailings storage facility and route this water to the open pit and eventually to the water treatment facility. These inputs would inundate the pit at an accelerated rate to an elevation of 7,030 feet to minimize oxidation of the pit walls. The water level in the pit would be maintained at this elevation to maintain a groundwater hydraulic sink which would preclude water leaving the southeast end of the pit. This proposal is sound and will ensure long term water quality in the vicinity is maintained.	WTR	Comment noted. This long-term management strategy was discussed in Section 2.1.1.6, and the resultant impacts were discussed in Section 4.6	
323	323.5	Hecla, VP External Affairs	Luke Russell	As illustrated in the draft EIS the M2 proposal also has slightly lower risk to surface water than the BLM alternative M3. The DEIS indicates that in a hypothetical worst case, the release of untreated water could cause exceedances of acute WQOs in Sections of Thompson Creek, S. Creek, and Bruno Creek. However, there would be no material difference in such risk (probability and consequence) between Alternative M1 and Alternative M2 for which water with similar chemistry would be treated by essentially the same facilities. In the case of Alternative M3, however, the risk would be slightly greater due to the addition of a new source of water to be treated (a new waste rock storage facility) and the additional water collection and transport facilities to connect the new source to the main facilities. So, in addition to increased land disturbance as well as the increased risk to water quality, I recommend the BLM select the TCM proposal M2 alternative.	WTR	Thank you for your recommendation. It has been noted.	
323	323.6	Hecla, VP External Affairs	Luke Russell	I also support the TCM land exchange request (L2). However, I understand this is a totally separate action and I encourage BLM to act immediately on the critically important mine expansion proposal. Consideration of the land exchange should not justify a delay in making the mine expansion approval.	LAND	The MMPO and land disposal ROD will be issued separately and one does not depend on the other. The MMPO ROD will be issued before the land disposal ROD. In the case of the Forest Service a draft ROD will be issued on the MMPO as part of the Forest Service objection process.	
323	323.7	Hecla, VP External Affairs	Luke Russell	The exchange would allow TCM and BLM to consolidate the management of the mine and surrounding lands.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
323	323.8	Hecla, VP External Affairs	Luke Russell	The public would gain access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to them.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
323	323.9	Hecla, VP External Affairs	Luke Russell	The exchange would preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands and prevent future residential development along this five-mile section of the river.	VIS, LUR	Comment noted. If the offered lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the visual resources of the offered lands would then be inventoried and managed using the BLM's VRM system.	
324	324.1		Tom LeClaire	TCM is a well-run modern-day mine. They are and will be good stewards of the environment. Please allow the mine to operate through 2025.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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325	325.1		Jay Cook	Highly support both the mine expansion and land exchange. Why = the mine has such a great impact on the local and state economy. Provides their employees with good income and benefits. TCM tax receipts and charitable donations has such a positive impact on our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
326	326.1		Mr. Norman Doll	<u>I support the mine continuation through phase 8 and expansion with land exchange.</u>	GEN	Comment noted.	
326	326.2		Mr. Norman Doll	It benefits the young people in the community to be able to get jobs in their home town and our older retired people will be able to afford to keep their property. If the mine closes there will be a significant tax impact on Custer County. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community. <u>There is no one in this community for or against the mine that has not benefited in some way because of the mine.</u>	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
327	327.1		Tonya Heald	I am affected because I live in Salmon, Idaho. This mine is a main source of Salmon employment. Without the mine the town will lose many needed jobs. My dad and many friends work at the mine, it would be sad to see so many lose their jobs.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
328	328.1		Robert B. Robinson	The BLM should expedite permitting for the Thompson Creek mine expansion. The mine is a crucial economic asset to Central Idaho. The mine is a significant source of family-supporting jobs in the region. The jobs provided by the mine are especially important during this time of poor job creation and lack of well paying jobs. Americans are great consumers of resources, and it is only right that Americans have the opportunity to have the living-wage jobs provided by the resource industries.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
328	328.2		Robert B. Robinson	Modern mining does not degrade the environment anything like it did generations ago. By its very nature mining, like most activities that we depend on, is not completely free of environmental impacts. I believe Thompson Creek Metals has demonstrated that it will operate responsibly. TCM has taken the initiative to minimize their impact. Hazards related to mining are recognized, and dealt with in the permitting procedures.	GEN	Comment noted.	
328	328.3		Robert B. Robinson	<u>The land exchange to give TCM the 5,000 acres is beneficial to the company, and to the public.</u>	LAND	Comment noted.	
328	328.4		Robert B. Robinson	My main concern is the value of the jobs that the mine expansion will create. Resources should be a cornerstone of the Idaho economy. Extending the life of the Thompson Creek mine will be very beneficial to workers trying to earn a living in Central Idaho. In this time of high unemployment, and shortage of living-wage jobs, these mining jobs are especially valuable. I hope the BLM recognizes the opportunity to assist the local economy by approving the land exchange and permitting the mine expansion.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
329	329.1		anonymous	There are fine, talented and experienced people here. TCM provides employment, contributes to local events, adds a great dimension to this small populated area. Do what you need to do to stay viable.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
330	330.1		Cheryl Kalenik	Closure of the Thompson Creek will have a major impact on [Clayton] museum attendance/visitors, let alone what it will do to property owners in Custer County. If mine closure goes through and the Boulder White Cloud Monument passes, we have lost our tax base which result in property values plummeting. I will probably have to move out of Custer County.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
331	331.1	Balfour Beatty Rail	Mike Hansen	<u>There is no objection with the land exchange from Balfour Beatty Rail or me.</u>	GEN	Comment noted.	
332	332.1	Caribou County, Commissioner	Phil Christensen	Idaho needs all of the jobs that are present in Idaho retained.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
333	333.1	City of Challis, Mayor and Council	Mark Lupher, Ike Funkhouser, Chuck Felton, Jerry Haslam, and Michael Barrett	The Mayor and Challis City Council would like to acknowledge their support regarding TCM's proposal to expand operations in Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
333	333.2	City of Challis, Mayor and Council	Mark Lupher, Ike Funkhouser, Chuck Felton, Jerry Haslam, and Michael Barrett	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in Challis, Idaho and central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our City and surrounding community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
334	334.1		Demian Guthmiller	The management of Idaho state land, forest, and waters are therefore, very important to me. I am writing this letter to let you know why I support extending the TCM.	GEN	Comment noted.	
334	334.2		Demian Guthmiller	While any mining can cause issues, I believe that TCM has been and will continue to be well managed. I also believe that a well-managed mine has many positive benefits to the environment. The mine is in operation for a very short time (decades, not millennia) and when it is closed, current practices restore it to very good habitat for flora and fauna of all types. As a hunter, fisher, and hiker this is important to me.	GEN, LUR	Comment noted.	
334	334.3		Demian Guthmiller	Mines provide taxes (both directly and indirectly), that help improve the entire states lands, forests, and waters.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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334	334.4		Demian Guthmiller	In short please support the expansion (phase 8) of the Thompson Creek mine and the proposed land exchange as I fully believe this I in the best interest of the land, the people, and the environment of Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
335	335.1	Jerome County, Commissioner	Charles M. Howell	Please support the TCM effort to extend the life of the project - Environmental concerns have already been addressed and continue to be monitored. This makes the hurdles crossed already for the projects continuation.	GEN	Comment noted. Environmental effects are provided in Chapters 4 and 5 and environmental monitoring is provided in Section 2.1.1.7.	
336	336.1		Glenda Poston	Please support the effort for the people of this area to continue to use and make a living on "their" lands - Please extend the life of the TCM till 2025 and beyond.	GEN	Comment noted. The expansion of the facilities would occur on a mix of private and public lands.	
337	337.1		Walter J. McConnaghy	I... do support the mine expansion and land exchange at the TCM.	GEN	Comment noted.	
337	337.2		Walter J. McConnaghy	If the mine shuts down it will have great effects on Challis, Idaho and all the United States. Our products are sold all over the world.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
338	338.1	Challis Area Chamber of Commerce, President	Scott Lamb	I wish to express our continuing support of the TCM.	GEN	Comment noted.	
338	338.2	Challis Area Chamber of Commerce, President	Scott Lamb	These proposals are primarily land use and management issues with complex and diverse impacts not only to the land, but the community and its people. I urge the Bureau of Land Management to review all aspects of these proposals and weigh the ramifications of various actions, as the outcome will undoubtedly impact and affect us all.	NEPA	FLPMA directs the BLM to manage public lands for multiple use. Multiple use is defined in the Act as "management of the public lands and their various resource values so that they are utilized in the combination that will best meet the present and future needs of the American people." FLPMA addresses topics such as land use planning, land acquisition, fees and payments, administration of federal land, range management, and right-of-ways on federal land. The National Environmental Policy Act requires federal agencies to integrate environmental values into their decision making processes by considering the environmental impacts of proposed actions and reasonable alternatives to those actions.	
338	338.3	Challis Area Chamber of Commerce, President	Scott Lamb	TCM has always and will continue to comply with all applicable state and federal environmental laws. TCM is and has always been a strong proponent of environmental stewardship.	GEN	Comments noted.	
338	338.4	Challis Area Chamber of Commerce, President	Scott Lamb	They are proud of the extensive wildlife population and the many programs they employ to protect their land and water.	WLF, WTR	Wildlife do consistently use the lands immediately adjacent to mining facilities (Section 3.8). Environmental controls and monitoring used by TCMC are described in Section 2.1.1.7.	
338	338.5	Challis Area Chamber of Commerce, President	Scott Lamb	TCM monitors and reduces their environmental footprint by site tracking volumes of water used, recycled and reused; energy used and saved; land used and reclaimed; and habitat restored and reclaimed. They also monitor emissions.	WTR, RCL, ANC	Comment noted.	
338	338.6	Challis Area Chamber of Commerce, President	Scott Lamb	Thompson Creek is a good environmental steward. They apply high environmental standards from development, through operations, to reclamation. They have received many awards for their environmental practices; not only the mining industry, but from environmental agencies.	GEN	Comment noted.	
338	338.7	Challis Area Chamber of Commerce, President	Scott Lamb	TCM has been and will continue to be a responsible mining company. Their operations boost the local economies, living standards, business and employment opportunities in the small surrounding communities of Idaho. The mine uses local vendors and suppliers when at all possible. They hire local contractors and give a lot of business to local companies. Many local businesses rely on TCM's business. TCM is an integral participant in the community. They employees volunteer their time and resources. The company makes charitable donations to community groups and provides scholarships to local students.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.L1225	
338	338.8	Challis Area Chamber of Commerce, President	Scott Lamb	It is our hope the Bureau of Land Management will continue to support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM in Custer County, central Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
339	339.1	North Custer Hospital District, Chairman	Robert Boren	The North Custer Hospital District (NCHD) Board of Trustees recognizes the significant positive impact that Thompson creek has on the citizens of the NCHD. The NCHD supports Thompson Creek's Mine Expansion Proposal and Land Exchange Proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore.	GEN	Comments noted.	

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339	339.2	North Custer Hospital District, Chairman	Robert Boren	The NCHD is a State of Idaho taxing district covering the northern portion of Custer County. The NCHD operates an ambulance program and our local clinic, the Challis Area Health Center. The NCHD ambulance provides emergency coverage and the only weekend and after-hours medical coverage in our area. The Challis Area Health Center is a certified rural health clinic which provides primary care, basic emergency service, lab work and diagnostic x-ray services Monday - Friday 8:30 AM to 5:30 PM. The services offered by the NCHD Ambulance and the Challis Area Health Center are the only medical services available within 60 miles of Challis. TCM is a vital part of the economy within the NCHD. Thompson Creek has and continues to support the NCHD in multiple ways. Tax receipts - TCM operations provide a significant portion of the tax receipts received by the NCHD. Charitable donations - Thompson Creek has made multiple charitable donations to the NCHD to help fund needed equipment and building projects within the NCHD. EMS Providers - Thompson Creek management has encouraged Thompson Creek EMS Providers to volunteer with the NCHD Ambulance. Thompson Creek EMTs have been an essential part of the NCHD's volunteer ambulance service program. Health Insurance - Thompson Creek provides health insurance for its employees and their families. This provides an insured population that increases the NCHD's ability to collect for ambulance and clinic services.	SOC	Comment noted. The financial effects of the mine are summarized in Section 4.13.1., and health insurance is captured in the information for employee benefits. However, the DEIS was revised to include some of the community outreach and charitable contribution efforts of TCMC and its employees.	
340	340.1		Cornelis Hotting	I support the Expansion and Exchange as a shareholder and support the benefits for the local Economy. <u>I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.</u>	GEN	Comment noted.	
340	340.2		Cornelis Hotting	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
340	340.3		Cornelis Hotting	<u>I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.</u>	GEN	Comment noted.	
340	340.4		Cornelis Hotting	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
340	340.5		Cornelis Hotting	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted.	
340	340.6		Cornelis Hotting	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
340	340.7		Cornelis Hotting	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
341	341.1		Trudi Hotting	I support the Expansion and Exchange as a shareholder. <u>I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.</u>	GEN	Comment noted.	
341	341.2		Trudi Hotting	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy. <u>I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.</u>	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
342	342.1	Thompson Creek Mining Company, General Manager	Greg Hurless	My children as well as a number of my immediate family have either been employed at one time or another or have benefited from the Thompson Creek Operation. I have watched Custer County prosper as a direct result of the mine and would very much like to see the operation continue to its natural end point.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
342	342.2	Thompson Creek Mining Company, General Manager	Greg Hurless	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
342	342.3	Thompson Creek Mining Company, General Manager	Greg Hurless	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
343	343.1		Shawn Ellis	Member of community and rent to Thompson Creek employees. I support. <u>Yes, I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.</u>	GEN	Comment noted.	
343	343.2		Shawn Ellis	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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344	344.1		Dylan Mogensen	Thompson Creek is important to me because I have a family member who works there who provides for his 3 beautiful girls and wife. He has worked there for many years and is very loyal to the company. It is the only way the family gets an income and without it they will have a difficult time making ends meet. Not only does it affect their family, but it also affects the city of Challis and surrounding areas. Please make the right choice and keep people working hard supporting their families. Thank you. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy. The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
344	344.2		Dylan Mogensen	<u>I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.</u>	WTR	Comment noted.	
344	344.3		Dylan Mogensen	<u>I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.</u>	GEN	Comment noted.	
345	345.1		David Fritz	<u>I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.</u> The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	GEN	Comment noted.	
345	345.2		David Fritz	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
345	345.3		David Fritz	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'. I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	GEN	Comment noted.	
345	345.4		David Fritz	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
345	345.5		David Fritz	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
345	345.6		David Fritz	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
345	345.7		David Fritz	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Effects to visual resources are described in Section 4.11.	
345	345.8		David Fritz	I support the land exchange because it will enhance my recreational opportunities, and protect water quality and wildlife habitat.	LUR, WTR, WLF	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered parcels would provide additional recreational opportunities along the Salmon River as these lands would be open to the public. Further, if these lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the lands and resources would be managed as directed by the RMP.	
346	346.1		Mrs. Kelly Ruddell	...I understand the impact a valued company such as Thompson Creek has on a community. Challis, Idaho as well as Salmon, Idaho will deplete in their economic balances if Thompson Creek doesn't continue. My family will have to relocate due to this as well as many other families. The Mine offers the community wonderful job opportunities and financial securities as long as the life of it is not at stake. The original Mine has been in progress for decades and should continue due to almost endless materials being pulled from the property and continued employee loyalty as long as funds are available! Please allow this community to continue growing because of the opportunities Thompson Creek is offering. I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
346	346.2		Mrs. Kelly Ruddell	<u>I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.</u>	GEN	Comment noted.	
346	346.3		Mrs. Kelly Ruddell	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
346	346.4		Mrs. Kelly Ruddell	<u>I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.</u>	GEN	Comment noted.	
346	346.5		Mrs. Kelly Ruddell	<u>I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.</u>	WTR	Comment noted.	

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347	347.1		Mr. Zane Benson	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
348	348.1	Junkyard Bistro, Owner	Mrs. Mary Whalen	The closing of this mine would be devastating to both Custer and Lemhi county we have already lost so much of our next generation because of lack of industry.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
348	348.2	Junkyard Bistro, Owner	Mrs. Mary Whalen	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
348	348.3	Junkyard Bistro, Owner	Mrs. Mary Whalen	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
348	348.4	Junkyard Bistro, Owner	Mrs. Mary Whalen	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
349	349.1		Nicole Hayes	I volunteered to be laid off October 2012, due to the fact that I did not have any family in Challis and could move somewhere else. If I could come back to Challis I would in a heart beat. The community of Challis is one that doesn't exist anymore and TCM is a huge asset to the community and a lot of surrounding communities. If the mine completely shuts down the city of Challis will no longer exist, business will close and people will be forced to uproot their families and move. Not only will the mine close but so will the entire town.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
349	349.2		Nicole Hayes	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
349	349.3		Nicole Hayes	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
349	349.4		Nicole Hayes	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	GEN	Comment noted.	
350	350.1		Mr. Marvin Mitchell	My company hauls Thompson Creek's finished product out of state for further processing. Continued growth at Thompson Creek means more work for my company.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
350	350.2		Mr. Marvin Mitchell	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
350	350.3		Mr. Marvin Mitchell	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
350	350.4		Mr. Marvin Mitchell	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	WTR	Comment noted.	
350	350.5		Mr. Marvin Mitchell	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
350	350.6		Mr. Marvin Mitchell	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	GEN	Comment noted.	
351	351.1		Mrs. Lacey Windsor	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
351	351.2		Mrs. Lacey Windsor	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
351	351.3		Mrs. Lacey Windsor	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	GEN	Comment noted.	
351	351.4		Mrs. Lacey Windsor	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
352	352.1		Shawn Malcolm	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	GEN	Comment noted.	
353	353.1		Kevin Martin	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
353	353.2		Kevin Martin	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
353	353.3		Kevin Martin	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	GEN	Comment noted.	
353	353.4		Kevin Martin	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
353	353.5		Kevin Martin	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.		Effects to visual resources are described in Section 4.11.	

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354	354.1	Younger Agency	Lindsey Rowles	The TCM in Idaho has played a huge part in my life in all sorts of different ways. My Dad was an admin manager there.... He is now a manager for another TCM. We are all hoping that it is short term as he is almost never home now. I didn't live with my dad growing up, but my brothers did. They benefited at school and through some of their community groups because Thompson Creek was so generous with donations and sponsorships. My brother Ben raised pigs through 4H. A group that Thompson Creek gave generously to. Last year, my step mom Bonnie was diagnosed with cancer. She underwent several rounds of vigorous treatment using the medical benefits Thompson Creek provided through my dad's employment. We were so grateful for the care that she received. It had not been possible without Thompson Creek. I am currently contracted by the mine to help with their social media. I helped set the system up that has been sending letter of support to you. I have met and worked with so many amazing people that are all directly affected by this decision. Myself included. This is a tumultuous time for our country. Especially the western states that face all kinds of land issues that prevent economic growth. The proposed mine expansion and land exchange is presenting an opportunity for us to spread some much needed cheer to the people in the way of high paying jobs, community contributions, employee benefits, big accounts for vendors, and tax contributions.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
354	354.2	Younger Agency	Lindsey Rowles	Please support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at Thompson Creek.	GEN	Comment noted.	
355	355.1		Chad Malcolm	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
355	355.2		Chad Malcolm	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
355	355.3		Chad Malcolm	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
355	355.4		Chad Malcolm	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Effects to visual resources are described in Section 4.11.	
355	355.5		Chad Malcolm	I support the land exchange because it will enhance my recreational opportunities, and protect water quality and wildlife habitat.	LUR, WTR, WLF	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered parcels would provide additional recreational opportunities along the Salmon River as these lands would be open to the public. Further, if these lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the lands and resources would be managed as directed by the RMP.	
356	356.1	Thompson Creek, Mill Operations	James Dayton	I support both the mine expansion and land exchange proposals because I want to keep my job and I want to stay in central Idaho.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
356	356.2	Thompson Creek, Mill Operations	James Dayton	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
356	356.3	Thompson Creek, Mill Operations	James Dayton	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
356	356.4	Thompson Creek, Mill Operations	James Dayton	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
356	356.5	Thompson Creek, Mill Operations	James Dayton	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Effects to visual resources are described in Section 4.11.	
356	356.6	Thompson Creek, Mill Operations	James Dayton	I support the land exchange because it will enhance my recreational opportunities, and protect water quality and wildlife habitat.	LUR, WTR, WLF	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered parcels would provide additional recreational opportunities along the Salmon River as these lands would be open to the public. Further, if these lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the lands and resources would be managed as directed by the RMP.	
357	357.1		Don Adams	I need to keep working to keep living. Please support the mine expansion and land exchange.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
357	357.2		Don Adams	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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357	357.3		Don Adams	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
357	357.4		Don Adams	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	WTR	Comment noted.	
358	358.1		Mr. Larry Lee	I support the expansion of TCM.	GEN	Comment noted.	
358	358.10		Mr. Larry Lee	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	GEN	Comment noted.	
358	358.2		Mr. Larry Lee	Thompson Creek employs over 240 personnel directly and many more as a result of its operation. It supports numerous charities and other activities. The effects of TCM would be devastating to the community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
358	358.3		Mr. Larry Lee	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
358	358.4		Mr. Larry Lee	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
358	358.5		Mr. Larry Lee	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	WTR	Comment noted.	
358	358.6		Mr. Larry Lee	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	GEN	Comment noted.	
358	358.7		Mr. Larry Lee	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
358	358.8		Mr. Larry Lee	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	VIS	Effects to visual resources are described in Section 4.11.	
358	358.9		Mr. Larry Lee	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	LUR, WTR, WLF	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered parcels would provide additional recreational opportunities along the Salmon River as these lands would be open to the public. Further, if these lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the lands and resources would be managed as directed by the RMP.	
359	359.1		Gregory Martin	I support the land exchange because it will enhance my recreational opportunities, and protect water quality and wildlife habitat.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
360	360.1	Thompson Creek, Maintenance	Jason Keppner	Keeping the mine open longer I would be able to stay home with my wife and kids and keep our house in Challis.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
360	360.2	Thompson Creek, Maintenance	Jason Keppner	I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state.	GEN	Comment noted.	
360	360.3	Thompson Creek, Maintenance	Jason Keppner	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
360	360.4	Thompson Creek, Maintenance	Jason Keppner	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	GEN	Comment noted.	
361	361.1		Roxanna McDonald	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	GEN	Comment noted.	
361	361.2		Roxanna McDonald	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
361	361.3		Roxanna McDonald	I support the proposed mine expansion at TCM to include Phase 8.	GEN	Comment noted.	
362	362.1	TCM, Mine Maintenance	Mr. Matt Irwin	I am happy to work for a company that is environmental conscious and has always gone above and beyond what is required to protect the environment.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
362	362.2	TCM, Mine Maintenance	Mr. Matt Irwin	I have lived in Salmon and Challis and have worked at the mine throughout that time, commuting more than 96 miles one way just to work at the mine. Challis and Salmon benefit economically from the operation of the mine as does the state of Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
				I am proud to work for a company that contributes to the community with their workers and their contributions. Thompson Creek is also a big contributor to the State of Idaho in tax revenues, contributing more than \$120 million in the past decade.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
				Thompson Creek has always taken care of their employees and their families with good paying jobs and excellent benefits.	GEN	Comment noted.	
				I live in Salmon Idaho and have been employed with TCM for over 9 years, believe we as a community must move forward with the mine expansion to keep economic growth strong for surrounding towns. TCM has been a strong supporter of hiring and buying local also they have been very careful with the land and environment around us. TCM has gone above and beyond to respect/protect it.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
				I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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362	362.3	TCM, Mine Maintenance	Mr. Matt Irwin	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
362	362.4	TCM, Mine Maintenance	Mr. Matt Irwin	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations to access additional deposits of molybdenum ore, termed 'Phase 8'. I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	GEN	Comment noted.	
362	362.5	TCM, Mine Maintenance	Mr. Matt Irwin	I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
362	362.6	TCM, Mine Maintenance	Mr. Matt Irwin	I support the proposed land exchange to consolidate land management by the BLM.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
362	362.7	TCM, Mine Maintenance	Mr. Matt Irwin	I also support preservation of open space and historic practices along the five-mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
362	362.8	TCM, Mine Maintenance	Mr. Matt Irwin	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
362	362.9	TCM, Mine Maintenance	Mr. Matt Irwin	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Effects to visual resources are described in Section 4.11.	
363	363.1	TCM, Safety Rep	Mr. Rick Swindell	TCM has played a major role in the community and my lifestyle for the 30 plus years it has been in operation. My family and myself support the mine expansion and land exchange. The continued operation of the mine is a critical component of Custer County and Challis Idaho. Without this mine and the employees, Challis will have a very hard time existing and providing a good quality of life for all that choose to live there.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
363	363.2	TCM, Safety Rep	Mr. Rick Swindell	I support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM near Clayton, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
363	363.3	TCM, Safety Rep	Mr. Rick Swindell	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly. I support the TCM because it is a vital part of the economy in central Idaho. Extending the life of the mine is good for our communities, our economy and for our state. I support Thompson Creek because they are an asset to the public, Custer County, employees and their families, Idaho suppliers, community groups, schools, organizations, and the worldwide economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
363	363.4	TCM, Safety Rep	Mr. Rick Swindell	I believe that TCM is a responsible environmental steward and uses best practices to protect our land and water.	WTR	Comment noted.	
363	363.5	TCM, Safety Rep	Mr. Rick Swindell	I support the land exchange because it would allow access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to the public.	LUR	Comment noted. Land use and recreation conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.12, 4.12, and 5.12.	
363	363.6	TCM, Safety Rep	Mr. Rick Swindell	I also want to preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands.	VIS	Effects to visual resources are described in Section 4.11.	
364	364.1		Jerry Dixon	I believe the TCM is a good steward of the land and should be allowed to continue their operations. The mine supports our kids in our local and surrounding communities and we can always count on the mine for support.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
364	364.2		Jerry Dixon	I support the mine expansion and land exchange which will give TCM the opportunity to extend the life of the mine. This will provide significant economic benefits while only slightly increasing the environmental footprint.	GEN	Comment noted.	
365	365.1		Tim Rowe	I support the land exchange between the mine and the BLM, I feel it is a good deal for both parties and I would like to see the mine continue operations.	GEN	Comment noted.	
365	365.2		Tim Rowe	The TCM is a vital part of my own life and affects me and my family directly.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
366	366.1		Dr. Amanda Eller	The mine is the lifeblood of Challis.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
366	366.2		Dr. Amanda Eller	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
366	366.3		Dr. Amanda Eller	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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367	367.1		Evan Hunting	Challis Idaho is a very special place to our family and TCM is and has been the reason we can stay here. Please allow my family the opportunity to stay in Challis by moving forward with the mine expansion and land exchange for TCM.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
367	367.2		Evan Hunting	Please support the proposed mine expansion of TCM. <u>I support Thompson Creek because they use "best practices" to make sure our land and water quality is protected.</u>	GEN	Comment noted.	
367	367.3		Evan Hunting	TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
368	368.1		Mr. Danny Aldous	I would like to see the mine expansion and the land swap go through because it will be beneficial to not only the Challis area, but also Salmon, Mackay, SW Montana, and SE and SW Idaho. Thompson Creek attracts employees from all over the region and this will be good for them and their families.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
368	368.2		Mr. Danny Aldous	<u>I encourage the BLM to support the EIS alternatives from TCM.</u>	GEN	Comment noted.	
369	369.1		Royden Eaton	I support the mine expansion and the land exchange proposed by TCM in the EIS. I would like to see the company expand to include Phase 8 and to operate into the future in this area.	GEN	Comment noted.	
369	369.2		Royden Eaton	I would like to see the economy in Challis, Clayton and surrounding area maintained by the employment and activity at the mine. So many businesses supply the mine site that the area would be seriously impacted in a negative way if the mine were not permitted to expand as proposed under the EIS.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
370	370.1	Allied Builders Supply Inc., Manager	Mr. Rod Smith	A business in Custer County is more than just about the bottom line, it serves its community. It provides a much needed product close to home and far reaching. The jobs that it provides helps the families continue to live in the area that they prefer to live. The financial support it provides for this community, allows for those less fortunate to maintain a good quality of life in this area.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
370	370.2	Allied Builders Supply Inc., Manager	Mr. Rod Smith	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine. <u>The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.</u>	GEN	Comment noted. Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
371	371.1		Ms. Debbie Fisher	Although I don't have direct employment with TCM, my job as a convenience store clerk very much depends on its continuing operation. Keeping those who work there employed keeps me employed.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
371	371.2		Ms. Debbie Fisher	Please support the proposed mine expansion of TCM. <u>I support the proposed Land Exchange.</u> I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
371	371.3		Ms. Debbie Fisher	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. <u>TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.</u>	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
371	371.4		Ms. Debbie Fisher	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day. <u>The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.</u>	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively. Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
372	372.1		Mrs. Eugenia Wilson	Thompson Creek has always been concerned about taking care of the environment and we are trained to protect the land and water in our day to day activities.	WTR	Comment noted.	
372	372.2		Mrs. Eugenia Wilson	The mine's CARE program is the safety program that all employees are trained in and require us to be aware of our surroundings to make sure the environment, the animals, and the water are protected. It would be a great travesty to this community in every aspect: the schools, the businesses, community programs, for Thompson Creek to not get their permit to expand. My grandchildren want to stay in this community and it is extremely important for them to stay in the area. <u>Both their father and I work at the mine.</u>	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
372	372.3		Mrs. Eugenia Wilson	I would like to see everyone work together to make sure the mine expansion and the land exchange work for everyone. <u>I ask the BLM to support the mine's proposal.</u>	GEN	Comment noted.	
373	373.1	TCM, Mechanic	Kyle Thomas	Working at Thompson Creek has been a great experience. The pay and benefits are good.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
373	373.2	TCM, Mechanic	Kyle Thomas	I am also in support of the Land Exchange. I am in support of anything that will help the mine stay operable for years to come not only for us but for the up and coming generation.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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374	374.1		Ross Zollinger	I have worked at Thompson Creek for seven years and I would like to see the mine last a few years longer, so I would like the BLM to approve the proposal to expand the mine into Phase 8 of mine development. <u>I also fully support the land exchange and permit approval.</u>	GEN	Comment noted.	
375	375.1	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Senior Environmental Specialist	Mr. Christopher Natoli	Thompson Creek Mining Company believes in safety of all employees, contractors, and visitors to the site and we also take the highest regard for all environmental issues at the site. Thompson Creek has a great environmental record, and we take protection of the water and land on and off our site to the highest regard.	GEN	Comment noted.	
375	375.2	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Senior Environmental Specialist	Mr. Christopher Natoli	I support both the mine expansion and land exchange that is discussed in the EIS.	GEN	Comment noted.	
376	376.1		Josh Reese	I want to see the mine expand and I also support the land exchange. I was born in Rupert and now live on the Reese ranch near Moore, Idaho. <u>I think we need to be able to use our resources wisely and support the proposed EIS.</u>	GEN	Comment noted.	
376	376.2		Josh Reese	Without the TCM, this area would be hurt significantly. My father in law has worked at the mine for nearly 30 years and the mine has been good to our family. <u>The mine, like our ranch, understands the importance of best practices in protecting the land and water.</u>	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
377	377.1		Welsey Sherwood	I support the mine expansion as proposed by Thompson Creek to expand to phase 8.	GEN	Comment noted.	
377	377.2		Welsey Sherwood	It benefits neighboring communities and Custer County as a whole.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
377	377.3		Welsey Sherwood	I do have concerns about the land exchange and what the BLM plans to do with the Broken Wing Ranch in particular. I am allowing the land to be used for more public access. But I am concerned that it will be developed by a big corporation or taken out of agricultural use. I don't want a golf course where the Broken Wing Ranch sits now. I don't want the area to go back to sagebrush or be used for "wild" horses.	LAND	Under the agency-preferred alternative (Alternative L2), the ranch would remain in agriculture and with livestock grazing, but with some changes to increase protection of natural resources.	
378	378.1		John Keppner	The mine has a proven record of being a good operator and there is no reason to think they would be any different in the future. <u>TCM should be allowed to continue to operate as planned.</u>	GEN	Comment noted.	
378	378.2		John Keppner	TCM has been a good community partner and has donated a lot of time and money to the communities in this area. They have supported almost any and all youth organizations over the years. There is so much that they have helped with. Our communities would not be the same without these contributions.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
378	378.3		John Keppner	I am opposed to the land exchange. There is already enough federally-owned land in the state and county without adding more.	LAND	Under the preferred Alternative (L2), there would be a negligible reduction in Federal land in Custer County and a negligible gain in Federal land in Bannock County (Section 4.12.2.2).	
378	378.4		John Keppner	I support the mine expansion as proposed by TCM in the EIS.	GEN	Comment noted.	
379	379.1		Jessy Baker	I have been in mill operations for 4 years. I live out in Clayton, Idaho. I support both the mine expansion and the land exchange because I would like to keep my job and I know that the community depends on the mine.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
380	380.1		Cliff Mechling	Besides the military, this has been the best paying job that I have had. I have always lived in the Salmon area and love the area. I would like to continue to live and work here. I have a wife and three daughters. My daughters attend the schools in Salmon. I know that Thompson Creek does quite a bit for the schools and the community. They sponsor several events and organizations that have enhanced our living. Thompson Creek has provided me and my family with excellent health benefits. They are also environmentally friendly. I appreciate that because I live here. I care about air quality and plant life. They are a good company and they deserve to stay open.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
380	380.2		Cliff Mechling	The Molybdenum deposit is the best in the world - grade wise. We should be able to continue to mine the new moly deposits.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5 and 3.2.1.2. Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
380	380.3		Cliff Mechling	<u>I am writing to show my support for both the mine expansion and the land exchange.</u>	GEN	Comment noted.	
381	381.1		Kent Watson	It's a continuation of the ability to operate a proven mining operation that has been a good steward of the environment, and a powerful economic engine of Custer County and the State of Idaho. For the multiplier effect of a dollar earned at the TCM by its employees is four times the starting dollar. <u>The environmental track record is zero NOV's and a good neighbor for more than 30 years.</u>	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
381	381.2		Kent Watson	As a long time manager for TCM, I fully support the expansion of this mine and land exchange. I would encourage the BLM to do the right thing and allow this operation to continue in to the future by approving the proposed EIS.	GEN	Comment noted.	
382	382.1	L&H Industrial	Michael Kretschmar	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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382	382.2	L&H Industrial	Michael Kretzschmar	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
383	383.1		Shay Doll	Through my years of being raised in the area, and being involved in the community of Challis since childhood, I have seen and experienced the benefits of having TCM in operation first hand. Not only does the mine provide greatly needed jobs in the area, it is also part of the lifeblood of the economy in central Idaho. In addition to providing jobs and supporting the economy, the mine also plays a major role in supporting the communities of rural, central Idaho through donations and support for many programs and most importantly the local schools. The benefit brought into this area of Central Idaho by TCM are immeasurable. It would be devastating for the surrounding communities to lose such a vital piece of economic stability and opportunity.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
383	383.2		Shay Doll	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
383	383.3		Shay Doll	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has greatly benefited from the Mine's contributions. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
384	384.1	Custer Telephone, Internet Operations Supervisor	Mr. Ben Glenn	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
384	384.2	Custer Telephone, Internet Operations Supervisor	Mr. Ben Glenn	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
384	384.3	Custer Telephone, Internet Operations Supervisor	Mr. Ben Glenn	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted.	
384	384.4	Custer Telephone, Internet Operations Supervisor	Mr. Ben Glenn	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community. TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
384	384.5	Custer Telephone, Internet Operations Supervisor	Mr. Ben Glenn	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day. The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively. Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
384	384.6	Custer Telephone, Internet Operations Supervisor	Mr. Ben Glenn	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has greatly benefited from the Mine's contributions.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
385	385.1	Wade Surveying	Kristin Hayden	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
385	385.2	Wade Surveying	Kristin Hayden	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted.	
385	385.3	Wade Surveying	Kristin Hayden	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community. TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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385	385.4	Wade Surveying	Kristin Hayden	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day. The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively. Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
385	385.5	Wade Surveying	Kristin Hayden	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has greatly benefited from the Mine's contributions.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
386	386.1		Ms. Jen Ellis	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
386	386.2		Ms. Jen Ellis	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted.	
386	386.3		Ms. Jen Ellis	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
386	386.4		Ms. Jen Ellis	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
386	386.5		Ms. Jen Ellis	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has greatly benefited from the Mine's contributions. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community. TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
387	387.1	L&H Industrial, Product Line Manager	Mr. Kelvin Kennedy	We are continued supporters of Thompson Creek and other mining endeavors that protect the environment and reclaim to better than original condition as Thompson Creek and others continue to prove can be done. I do support continued mining activities at Thompson Creek in supporting the local economies and infra-structures that make a foundation for a strong community and country. We use the minerals mined in this great country to reduce foreign control of our manufacturing and goods and services utilized by the people.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
387	387.2	L&H Industrial, Product Line Manager	Mr. Kelvin Kennedy	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
387	387.3	L&H Industrial, Product Line Manager	Mr. Kelvin Kennedy	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
387	387.4	L&H Industrial, Product Line Manager	Mr. Kelvin Kennedy	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted.	
387	387.5	L&H Industrial, Product Line Manager	Mr. Kelvin Kennedy	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
387	387.6	L&H Industrial, Product Line Manager	Mr. Kelvin Kennedy	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
387	387.7	L&H Industrial, Product Line Manager	Mr. Kelvin Kennedy	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
388	388.1	Western States Cat, Product Support Manager	Alex Freter	I wanted to take a minute to inform you of my support for TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
388	388.2	Western States Cat, Product Support Manager	Alex Freter	I am the Product Support Manager for Western States Equipment and have had the benefit of working with Thompson Creek. I would like to see this partnership continue and believe this proposal is beneficial for many. I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has greatly benefited from the Mine's contributions.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
389	389.1	Rocky Mountain Boiler, Boiler Technician	Aaron Martin	Thompson Creek has done business with our company since before I started. They are an excellent company to work for and do a tremendous amount for the community. If it wasn't for the mine there in Challis then it would be very hard for many things to remain in the surrounding towns. That would impact my family and friends because of the time we spend there for recreational activities. It is a great company and we hope to continue to do business and spend time in the area in the future.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
389	389.2	Rocky Mountain Boiler, Boiler Technician	Aaron Martin	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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389	389.3	Rocky Mountain Boiler, Boiler Technician	Aaron Martin	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
389	389.4	Rocky Mountain Boiler, Boiler Technician	Aaron Martin	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
389	389.5	Rocky Mountain Boiler, Boiler Technician	Aaron Martin	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
389	389.6	Rocky Mountain Boiler, Boiler Technician	Aaron Martin	Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
390	390.1	Emerson Process Management, Senior Field Sales	Mr. Brian Seibert	Thank you for the opportunity to express my support for continued operation of the TCM into the future.	GEN	Comment noted.	
390	390.2	Emerson Process Management, Senior Field Sales	Mr. Brian Seibert	My company, Emerson Process Management, supplies instrumentation for the mine in order for it to run more efficiently, economically, and safely. Several times per year I arrange a trip to Challis for a sales call. During this trip I stay at a local hotel, eat at local restaurants, and buy gasoline at a gas station in Challis. Challis is not a large or economically rich community. They prosper when they receive visitors. Additionally, and perhaps even more importantly, the items below are important to the region's success, and the nation's supply of molybdenum.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
390	390.3	Emerson Process Management, Senior Field Sales	Mr. Brian Seibert	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
390	390.4	Emerson Process Management, Senior Field Sales	Mr. Brian Seibert	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has greatly benefited from the Mine's contributions. Thus, the economic reach of the mine goes much further than simply the Challis area.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
391	391.1		Ms. Heather Nutt	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
391	391.2		Ms. Heather Nutt	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
391	391.3		Ms. Heather Nutt	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted.	
391	391.4		Ms. Heather Nutt	Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community. TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
391	391.5		Ms. Heather Nutt	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
391	391.6		Ms. Heather Nutt	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has greatly benefited from the Mine's contributions.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
392	392.1	TSSR, Sandvik	Mr. Don Mitchell	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
392	392.2	TSSR, Sandvik	Mr. Don Mitchell	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
392	392.3	TSSR, Sandvik	Mr. Don Mitchell	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
393	393.1	Boise Rigging Supply, Sales	Mr. Chris Freund	I supply rigging and safety equipment to the TCM and support the mine expansion. The mine expansion will support well paying jobs on both the mine site and in cities all around the country.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
393	393.2	Boise Rigging Supply, Sales	Mr. Chris Freund	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
393	393.3	Boise Rigging Supply, Sales	Mr. Chris Freund	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted.	
393	393.4	Boise Rigging Supply, Sales	Mr. Chris Freund	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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393	393.5	Boise Rigging Supply, Sales	Mr. Chris Freund	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
393	393.6	Boise Rigging Supply, Sales	Mr. Chris Freund	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has greatly benefited from the Mine's contributions. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
394	394.1	Applied Industrial Technologies, Service Center Manager	Craig Bartow	...my company has serviced the mine for many years. They are a first class organization with excellence as their benchmark in all aspects of their business. Their employees have almost become like family to us since we work so closely together. It would be a shame and a disservice to the local businesses and community if Thompson Creek Mining was not allowed to expand into Phase 8.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
394	394.2	Applied Industrial Technologies, Service Center Manager	Craig Bartow	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
394	394.3	Applied Industrial Technologies, Service Center Manager	Craig Bartow	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
394	394.4	Applied Industrial Technologies, Service Center Manager	Craig Bartow	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
394	394.5	Applied Industrial Technologies, Service Center Manager	Craig Bartow	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has greatly benefited from the Mine's contributions.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
395	395.1		Jamie Sturgess	I can say from first hand experience, that the progressive attention to the community, to the environment, to safety, and to compliance with government regulations by the entire staff at the Thompson Creek Mining Company sites is excellent and a model for the industry. With this history, the proposed project should enjoy the same level of professional management and operational excellence.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
395	395.2		Jamie Sturgess	I suggest the Forest Service move the process along.	NEPA	The BLM is the lead agency for this EIS. The Forest Service is a cooperating agency. The NEPA process is proceeding as quickly as possible while still meeting project needs under the NEPA process. The agencies expect to issue RODs in 2015.	
395	395.3		Jamie Sturgess	My personal knowledge of the area, the management team, and the project site all support the project moving forward. The Land Exchange proposal is consistent with the national interest, the local community, and the production of molybdenum.	GEN	Comment noted.	
395	395.4		Jamie Sturgess	Their advancement into phase 8 and beyond, will allow continued employment, but also continued production, of a rare and valuable mineral in the national forest, in keeping with the national mineral policy.	SOC, LUR	Comment noted. The National Critical and Strategic Minerals Policy Act of 2013 (HR 1063) directs the Secretary of the Interior, in part, to promote an adequate and stable supply of minerals to maintain the nation's economic well-being, security, and manufacturing, industrial, energy, agricultural, and technological capabilities.	
396	396.1	TowHaul Corporation	Kevin M. Henderson	Thompson Creek has been an important customer to TowHaul, a company of 65 employees, located in Belgrade, Montana. It is important for you to know that TCM is not only an important job creator in Idaho, but they also impact jobs throughout the United States.	S	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
396	396.2	TowHaul Corporation	Kevin M. Henderson	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine. The Thompson Creek has been good stewards of the environment while also being a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum. Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Comment noted.	
396	396.3	TowHaul Corporation	Kevin M. Henderson	Our country need jobs and we need to be able to produce products here in the USA. I urge you to enable Thompson Creek to expand and continue to provide high quality jobs and a world class product.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
397	397.1	L&H Industrial	Mr. Monty Nichols	The mine and the community go hand in hand, without the mine I believe there will be no community. It is absolutely not just a place to go and work, it is like a second home. I have been to mines all over the U.S. and Canada and TCM is second to none when it comes to safety, environmental awareness, and giving back to its employees and the community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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397	397.2	L&H Industrial	Mr. Monty Nichols	Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
397	397.3	L&H Industrial	Mr. Monty Nichols	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
397	397.4	L&H Industrial	Mr. Monty Nichols	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted.	
398	398.1	LNH Industrial, Director of H/R	Mr. Clifford A Knesel Jr.	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
398	398.2	LNH Industrial, Director of H/R	Mr. Clifford A Knesel Jr.	The best practices Thompson Creek uses to protect our land and water is outstanding and set an example.	WTR	Comment noted.	
399	399.1	Conrad & Bischoff, Operational Manager	Clint Burke	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
399	399.2	Conrad & Bischoff, Operational Manager	Clint Burke	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted.	
399	399.3	Conrad & Bischoff, Operational Manager	Clint Burke	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community. TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
399	399.4	Conrad & Bischoff, Operational Manager	Clint Burke	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day. The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively. Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
399	399.5	Conrad & Bischoff, Operational Manager	Clint Burke	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has greatly benefited from the Mine's contributions.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
400	400.1		Mr. Kirk Hansen	I live in Idaho Falls and am a big supporter of responsible uses of our natural resources. I enjoy watching the federal and state economies throughout our nation and the world. It is interesting to me to see the correlation between strong stable economies, standard of living, and the wise use of natural resources.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
400	400.2		Mr. Kirk Hansen	States like Texas, Oklahoma, Wyoming, North Dakota have flourishing economies due to their use of Natural Resources. Countries like Australia, Canada, and even Norway all are leading the world's economies thanks to their use of Natural Resources.	OS	This comment is not specific to the project and is beyond the scope of this project.	
400	400.3		Mr. Kirk Hansen	I strongly support the much needed land exchange that will allow Thompson Creek to expand their mine. I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
400	400.4		Mr. Kirk Hansen	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected, while creating hundreds of jobs, not only at the mine, but the many companies that work with Thompson Creek or their employees.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
400	400.5		Mr. Kirk Hansen	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day, and adds to our local economy.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
401	401.1	Joy Global, Senior Account Manager	Mr. Robert Stumpp	The mine is a very important asset to the local economy. They also supply a very important product to the world market.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
401	401.2	Joy Global, Senior Account Manager	Mr. Robert Stumpp	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
401	401.3	Joy Global, Senior Account Manager	Mr. Robert Stumpp	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted.	
401	401.4	Joy Global, Senior Account Manager	Mr. Robert Stumpp	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community. TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
401	401.5	Joy Global, Senior Account Manager	Mr. Robert Stumpp	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	

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402	402.1	Thompson Creek Ambulance	Chad Workman	I have been employed at Thompson Creek for almost 8 years now and Challis is my home. Thompson Creek has treated my family and the community well through support for community events, local businesses, the local EMS group which I am part of and good wages and benefits. Thompson Creek accounts for about 70% of the local tax base, therefore personal taxes are fairly reasonable. Thompson Creek is adamant towards their Environmental Stewardship program and I am confident the environment will be protected and preserved so future generations will have a beautiful place to call home.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
403	403.1		Mr. William McCurdy	The TCM is very important to the economic vitality of Challis and I see no reason the land exchange should not proceed. The property in the exchange is also in the best interest of the BLM.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
404	404.1		Mrs. Marilyn Sorensen	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
405	405.1	GIW Industries	John Park	I support the land exchange and mine expansion...	GEN	Comment noted.	
405	405.2	GIW Industries	John Park	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. In addition, it has been a significant contributor to my own financial well-being.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
405	405.3	GIW Industries	John Park	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
405	405.4	GIW Industries	John Park	In the end all wealth (which is another way of saying the power to provide for ourselves, raise and educate our children and build happy communities) comes from the ground. Yes, we need to be good stewards, but that mineral wealth must be obtained from the ground to provide funding for those things that we all like to do for the short period we're on this earth.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
406	406.1		Mrs. Rachelle Osterhout	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
406	406.2		Mrs. Rachelle Osterhout	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. I look forward to the continued success of Thompson Creek mine and the positive impact it has on the surrounding areas and the people of central Idaho.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
406	406.3		Mrs. Rachelle Osterhout	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
407	407.1	Conrad & Bischoff	Joseph Manning	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
407	407.2	Conrad & Bischoff	Joseph Manning	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted.	
407	407.3	Conrad & Bischoff	Joseph Manning	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day. The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively. Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
407	407.4	Conrad & Bischoff	Joseph Manning	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has greatly benefited from the Mine's contributions.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
408	408.1		Karen Coonts	I am in the unique position of having lived in Custer County long enough to remember rumors of a mine going in thirty years ago that would bring good jobs to this area. The Thompson Creek mine has surely brought wonderful employment to this area! I am still living in Custer County as I hear that the life of this mine is over and that the company is thinking about shutting the mine down altogether. I am writing to show my support to extend the life of this mine. I know it cannot continue in the manner of times past but I hope that the company in Canada can find a good compromise to allow continued employment in this area. We have good people with great skills and work ethics to continue to make this mine a success and money maker for the company. I teach at the local elementary school in Challis and closing this mine will greatly impact my job. If this mine closes, families will relocate to find new jobs and that will make the local student population decline. If the numbers of students decrease significantly, I will lose my job as I am one of the latest hires. I also see the impact of the loss of the mine reflected in the businesses in town. Currently, the town has two large grocery stores and a dollar store. If the mine closes, all of these businesses won't survive.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
408	408.2		Karen Coonts	Please consider not closing this mine and extending the life of this mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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409	409.1	Cottonwood Lane W.P.	Mr. Gary Funk	Because the federal government owns most of Custer County, it is very important to our economy to have prosperous businesses who support local employment, and help other local businesses prosper. TC has done this in the past and we support them in future expansion. They are responsible in respect to the environment. They have provided many high quality jobs and benefits, this equates to families that are well taken care of, and more dollars spent in the local economy. The product they provide is needed for the growth of our nation as well as selling to a global market. We need to support jobs in the USA, not importing everything.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
410	410.1		Mr. Eric Seeley	Our family strongly asks for you to support the TCM! I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
410	410.2		Mr. Eric Seeley	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted.	
410	410.3		Mr. Eric Seeley	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community. TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
410	410.4		Mr. Eric Seeley	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day. The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively. Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
411	411.1		Mrs. Susan Richards	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
411	411.2		Mrs. Susan Richards	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
411	411.3		Mrs. Susan Richards	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
411	411.4		Mrs. Susan Richards	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has benefited from the Mine's contributions.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
412	412.1	Salmon Golf Course	Sue Iverson	The mining is very important to the community. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
412	412.2	Salmon Golf Course	Sue Iverson	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
413	413.1	Hoffman Ranches	Mrs. Deborah Hoffman	We live in a community that is mostly mining families, if we were to lose this mine and the families it supports it would directly affect our schools, 4-H, and many community based activities that are supported in part by the mine. They also do a wonderful Christmas sharing program. Our small community would die as so many have it is a major job source place, hiring and employing so many. Idaho can't afford to lose any more families that have to leave for work. Thank you for your time to read this. I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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414	414.1	Kinross Gold, Millright	Gene Booth	I am a former employee of TCM. I have seen their commitment to the environment and the community of Challis. By giving Thompson Creek the permission to continue on would be in the best interest of the economy. It would be very hard on the people of Challis and Salmon Idaho.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
414	414.2	Kinross Gold, Millright	Gene Booth	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
414	414.3	Kinross Gold, Millright	Gene Booth	I support Thompson Creek because they use "best practices" to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted.	
414	414.4	Kinross Gold, Millright	Gene Booth	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
414	414.5	Kinross Gold, Millright	Gene Booth	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal. Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively. Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
415	415.1	Praxair Distribution Inc., Branch Manager	Mr. Sonny McCay	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
415	415.2	Praxair Distribution Inc., Branch Manager	Mr. Sonny McCay	I support Thompson Creek because they use "best practices" to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted.	
415	415.3	Praxair Distribution Inc., Branch Manager	Mr. Sonny McCay	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
416	416.1	Praxair Distribution Inc., Territory Manager	Mr. Dennis Birch	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in "Phase 8" to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
416	416.2	Praxair Distribution Inc., Territory Manager	Mr. Dennis Birch	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
416	416.3	Praxair Distribution Inc., Territory Manager	Mr. Dennis Birch	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
417	417.1	L&H Industrial, Quality Director	Paul Wandler	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in "Phase 8" to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
417	417.2	L&H Industrial, Quality Director	Paul Wandler	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
418	418.1	L&H Industrial, Director	Mr. Billy Conzelman	The mine has far reaching support for not just Idaho but its mine also supports several employees and employers in Wyoming.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
418	418.2	L&H Industrial, Director	Mr. Billy Conzelman	I support Thompson Creek because they use "best practices" to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted.	
418	418.3	L&H Industrial, Director	Mr. Billy Conzelman	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
418	418.4	L&H Industrial, Director	Mr. Billy Conzelman	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
418	418.5	L&H Industrial, Director	Mr. Billy Conzelman	Please work with TCM's proposal to expand operations in "Phase 8" to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
419	419.1	TCM	Mr. Brad Strom	Having retired from the State Police as a resident officer, I had first hand knowledge of the support Thompson Creek gave to the community. They also provided employment for residents, added to the financial stability of Salmon River Electric and local business. Benefits provided by TCM are numerous and the shut down of the Mine at this time would be a financial blow to Challis, Custer County, and the State.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
419	419.2	TCM	Mr. Brad Strom	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in "Phase 8" to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
419	419.3	TCM	Mr. Brad Strom	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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419	419.4	TCM	Mr. Brad Strom	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
419	419.5	TCM	Mr. Brad Strom	Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community. <u>TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.</u>	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
419	419.6	TCM	Mr. Brad Strom	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day. The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively. Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
419	419.7	TCM	Mr. Brad Strom	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has benefited from the Mine's contributions.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
420	420.1		Robin Rivas	I am writing in support of the mine expansion and land exchange. My son works at the TCM and it is very important to him to continue working, to support his family, as well as insure employment for all those that are employed there. He worked very hard to get his degree in Geology and loves his job daily. He tells me about the mine and how much they contribute to their families and the people in the community. They are very safety oriented. The expansion would be a great asset not only to him, but to the community and to the State of Idaho. Idaho is a State of hard working people, wanting great things for our state, our businesses and our communities. TCM is offering a quality, needed product. I would much rather we keep that business here in our community rather than send that business elsewhere. Please help to keep Idaho mines working. Many families depend on them including ours. We have lost most of the logging industry in Idaho. <u>Please do everything to keep our mines.</u>	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
420	420.2		Robin Rivas	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
420	420.3		Robin Rivas	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community. <u>TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.</u>	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
420	420.4		Robin Rivas	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal. Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
421	421.1		Mrs. Janet Gay	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted. Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
421	421.2		Mrs. Janet Gay	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has benefited from the Mine's contributions.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
421	421.3		Mrs. Janet Gay	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted.	
422	422.1	Salmon River Propane	Mr. Rodney Cook	I service and deliver propane to the mine on a regular basis. I fully support the mine and their support for so many years to the community with their generous donations to the schools scholarship fund and donations to non profit organizations.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
422	422.2	Salmon River Propane	Mr. Rodney Cook	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
422	422.3	Salmon River Propane	Mr. Rodney Cook	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted.	
422	422.4	Salmon River Propane	Mr. Rodney Cook	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. <u>TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.</u>	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
422	422.5	Salmon River Propane	Mr. Rodney Cook	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
422	422.6	Salmon River Propane	Mr. Rodney Cook	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has benefited from the Mine's contributions. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
423	423.1	Simplot	Mr. Kurtis Bunderson	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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423	423.2	Simplot	Mr. Kurtis Bunderson	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
423	423.3	Simplot	Mr. Kurtis Bunderson	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted.	
424	424.1	L&H Industrial, Project Manager	Mr. Bill Schroyer	Thompson Creek mine has provided the company I work for with work at times when we really needed it. They have either purchased parts or requested our field service to travel to the mine and perform maintenance on the shovels. Mining is vital to our area and it is necessary to support the local areas. When our field service is mobilized to the area it brings money to the community through lodging, purchases, groceries, etc.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
424	424.2	L&H Industrial, Project Manager	Mr. Bill Schroyer	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
424	424.3	L&H Industrial, Project Manager	Mr. Bill Schroyer	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has benefited from the Mine's contributions.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
425	425.1	L&H Industrial, Supervisor	Troy Barry	I am an employee of L&H Industrial, a vendor of TCM. Thompson Creek is an important long term customer of ours, one that we rely on to help keep us in business and our workers employed.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
425	425.2	L&H Industrial, Supervisor	Troy Barry	Additionally, I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
426	426.1	L&H Industrial, Job Coordinator	Adam Jones	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
426	426.2	L&H Industrial, Job Coordinator	Adam Jones	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
427	427.1	L&H Industrial	Tom Dillon	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
427	427.2	L&H Industrial	Tom Dillon	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted.	
427	427.3	L&H Industrial	Tom Dillon	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community. TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
427	427.4	L&H Industrial	Tom Dillon	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day. The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively. Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
428	428.1	L&H Industrial	Garrett Goldman	I am employed by a vendor serving the TCM. The continued success of the TCM is vital to viability of my employer.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
428	428.2	L&H Industrial	Garrett Goldman	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
428	428.3	L&H Industrial	Garrett Goldman	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
429	429.1	L&H Industrial Inc., Field Service Manager	Mr. Marley Ziegler	I support the Thompson Creek expansion as the mine has been a great customer and partner with the company that I work for. They have allowed us to do services and sell them product for a number of years which helps our local economy some 700 miles away. I also believe that the mine is very important to the Idaho community with out the mine the community would struggle to find jobs and funds for the community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
429	429.2	L&H Industrial Inc., Field Service Manager	Mr. Marley Ziegler	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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429	429.3	L&H Industrial Inc., Field Service Manager	Mr. Marley Ziegler	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively. Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
429	429.4	L&H Industrial Inc., Field Service Manager	Mr. Marley Ziegler	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has benefited from the Mine's contributions. I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
430	430.1	L&H Industrial Inc., Engineering Manager	Mr. Michael Doherty	L&H Industrial has had a long term working relationship with TCM. Thompson Creek has been excellent to work with from an engineering standpoint, and I personally have enjoyed working on many projects for Thompson Creek. Allowing the expansion of this mine will allow our companies to continue to have a symbiotic relationship. I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has benefited from the Mine's contributions.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
430	430.2	L&H Industrial Inc., Engineering Manager	Mr. Michael Doherty	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine. The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively. Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
431	431.1	Custer Telephone Cooperative Inc., CEO and General Manager	Dennis L. Thornock	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
431	431.2	Custer Telephone Cooperative Inc., CEO and General Manager	Dennis L. Thornock	Thompson Creek uses 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted.	
431	431.3	Custer Telephone Cooperative Inc., CEO and General Manager	Dennis L. Thornock	The company is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages, therefore stimulating the overall economy in Idaho. The company is also a supporter of the communities, schools and numerous events in Custer and Lemhi counties, Idaho.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
431	431.4	Custer Telephone Cooperative Inc., CEO and General Manager	Dennis L. Thornock	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day. The Mine is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively. Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
431	431.5	Custer Telephone Cooperative Inc., CEO and General Manager	Dennis L. Thornock	I encourage a positive decision to approve the Land Exchange and Mine Plan Expansion.	GEN	Comment noted.	
432	432.1	L&H Industrial, General Manager	Jay Will	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted.	
432	432.2	L&H Industrial, General Manager	Jay Will	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
432	432.3	L&H Industrial, General Manager	Jay Will	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
432	432.4	L&H Industrial, General Manager	Jay Will	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
432	432.5	L&H Industrial, General Manager	Jay Will	TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
433	433.1	L&H Industrial, Field Service Lead Man	Mr. Joseph Zach	The continued support of this project not only helps the community in Idaho but also has far reaching impacts elsewhere. Support the expansion of TCM will help America stay competitive in an expanding global mining market.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
433	433.2	L&H Industrial, Field Service Lead Man	Mr. Joseph Zach	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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433	433.3	L&H Industrial, Field Service Lead Man	Mr. Joseph Zach	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
433	433.4	L&H Industrial, Field Service Lead Man	Mr. Joseph Zach	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
434	434.1	L&H Industrial, Inc., Marketing Assistant	Sarah Bauman	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
434	434.2	L&H Industrial, Inc., Marketing Assistant	Sarah Bauman	I support Thompson Creek because they use "best practices" to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted.	
434	434.3	L&H Industrial, Inc., Marketing Assistant	Sarah Bauman	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
434	434.4	L&H Industrial, Inc., Marketing Assistant	Sarah Bauman	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
435	435.1	L&H Industrial Inc., Mechanical Drafter	Kaela Torres	The expansion of TCM is imperative to the continuing success of our company and employment at our facilities. Thompson Creek is a long-term, loyal customer of ours and the success of the mine directly affects the success of our company. Not only would the expansion provide stability and employment for its internal customers, it would also boost the economy and affect various other companies within the mining industry. I am confident that the correct decision will be made to continue and help TCM prosper. I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
436	436.1		Mrs. Trena Sisson	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
436	436.2		Mrs. Trena Sisson	I support Thompson Creek because they use "best practices" to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted.	
436	436.3		Mrs. Trena Sisson	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community. I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has benefited from the Mine's contributions.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
437	437.1	L&H Industrial Inc., AP Specialist	Bonnie Villa	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
437	437.2	L&H Industrial Inc., AP Specialist	Bonnie Villa	I support Thompson Creek because they use "best practices" to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted.	
437	437.3	L&H Industrial Inc., AP Specialist	Bonnie Villa	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that. I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
438	438.1	L&H Industrial, Mechanical Engineer	Mr. David VanSickle	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
439	439.1	L&H Industrial, Welding Engineer	Mr. Russell Shelby	Thompson Creek has been a very good customer for us, and we have a good working relationship. It would be very beneficial for our company to be able to continue doing business with Thompson Creek during the next proposed mine phase. Please approve the plan for Thompson Creek to continue mining.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
439	439.2	L&H Industrial, Welding Engineer	Mr. Russell Shelby	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
439	439.3	L&H Industrial, Welding Engineer	Mr. Russell Shelby	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has benefited from the Mine's contributions.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
440	440.1	L&H Industrial, Designer	Mr. Ross Ferderer	I support Thompson Creek because they use "best practices" to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted.	

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440	440.2	L&H Industrial, Designer	Mr. Ross Ferderer	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day. The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively. Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
440	440.3	L&H Industrial, Designer	Mr. Ross Ferderer	As an industrial designer and fly fishing nut I know the value of both our environment and molybdenum. I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
441	441.1	L&H Industrial Inc., Supervisor	Mr. Garland Gist	I am an employee at L&H Industrial and L&H Industrial is a vendor/supplier for Thompson Creek Mining Company.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
442	442.1	L&H Industrial, Draftsman	Mr. Jerry Gossard	I work as a draftsman for L&H Industrial. TCM is a valued customer, and has added value to central Idaho through its job creation and benevolence.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
442	442.2	L&H Industrial, Draftsman	Mr. Jerry Gossard	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
443	443.1	L&H Industrial, Shipping	Mr. David Garcia	Just like L&H Industrial, Thompson Creek Mining Company has similar core values which involve integrity, loyalty, and the care of the people. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. I also support Thompson Cree, Mine because they take the time to make an impact in their community by supporting many events that add value to their people as well as many wonderful donations to support schools that surround. Thompson Creek is high in core values for its people and its surrounding, and the community can only benefit from its world class integrity.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
443	443.2	L&H Industrial, Shipping	Mr. David Garcia	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
444	444.1	L&H Industrial, Coordinator	Mr. Joe Drefchinski	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
444	444.2	L&H Industrial, Coordinator	Mr. Joe Drefchinski	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	WTR	Comment noted.	
444	444.3	L&H Industrial, Coordinator	Mr. Joe Drefchinski	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
444	444.4	L&H Industrial, Coordinator	Mr. Joe Drefchinski	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day. The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively. Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
444	444.5	L&H Industrial, Coordinator	Mr. Joe Drefchinski	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
445	445.1	L&H Industrial, Shipping Supervisor	Mr. Jesus Rivera	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. I also support Thompson Cree, Mine because they take the time to make an impact in their community by supporting many events that add value to their people as well as many wonderful donations to support schools that surround. Thompson Creek is high in core values for its people and its surrounding, and the community can only benefit from its world class integrity.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
445	445.2	L&H Industrial, Shipping Supervisor	Mr. Jesus Rivera	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
445	445.3	L&H Industrial, Shipping Supervisor	Mr. Jesus Rivera	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
446	446.1	L&H Industrial, Shipping Director	Mr. David Garcia	Just like L&H Industrial, Thompson Creek Mining Company has similar core values which involve integrity, loyalty, and the care of the people. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. I also support Thompson Cree, Mine because they take the time to make an impact in their community by supporting many events that add value to their people as well as many wonderful donations to support schools that surround. Thompson Creek is high in core values for its people and its surrounding, and the community can only benefit from its world class integrity.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
446	446.2	L&H Industrial, Shipping Director	Mr. David Garcia	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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447	447.1	Rosin Brothers LLC	Brenda Rosin	We are subcontractors who work up at the mine recycling for the past 5 years. We would like you to expand the contract as it would mean more work for us and our employees in the future. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
448	448.1	L&H Industrial, Account Manager	Mr. Scott Wedertz	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
448	448.2	L&H Industrial, Account Manager	Mr. Scott Wedertz	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted.	
448	448.3	L&H Industrial, Account Manager	Mr. Scott Wedertz	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has benefited from the Mine's contributions.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
449	449.1	L&H Industrial Inc., President	Mr. Mike Wandler	Thompson Creek has been a great customer and are very important to our business.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
449	449.2	L&H Industrial Inc., President	Mr. Mike Wandler	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
449	449.3	L&H Industrial Inc., President	Mr. Mike Wandler	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
449	449.4	L&H Industrial Inc., President	Mr. Mike Wandler	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
449	449.5	L&H Industrial Inc., President	Mr. Mike Wandler	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
450	450.1	Custer County Title, Inc., Title Officer	Ms. Patsy Kindt	I am the owner of Custer County Title, Inc. Should this expansion not take place, it will have a drastic impact on the town of Challis, and the surrounding community within Custer County.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
450	450.2	Custer County Title, Inc., Title Officer	Ms. Patsy Kindt	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
450	450.3	Custer County Title, Inc., Title Officer	Ms. Patsy Kindt	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Section 2.1.1.6, Section 3.6).	
450	450.4	Custer County Title, Inc., Title Officer	Ms. Patsy Kindt	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. Without the proposed land exchange, our community would be devastated. Businesses closing their doors, homes going into foreclosure, lost jobs and minimum opportunity for those living within Custer County. I am in full support of the exchange. I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
450	450.5	Custer County Title, Inc., Title Officer	Ms. Patsy Kindt	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
451	451.1	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Lab Lead Technician	Mr. Marty Walls	I have lived in this community for the past seventeen years and have been employed by the mine the majority of that time. I very much enjoy the life here as does the rest of my family and would find it very difficult to have to leave the area if the mine does not continue to run.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
451	451.2	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Lab Lead Technician	Mr. Marty Walls	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
451	451.3	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Lab Lead Technician	Mr. Marty Walls	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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451	451.4	Thompson Creek Mining Company, Lab Lead Technician	Mr. Marty Walls	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
452	452.1	L&H Industrial Inc., Vice President	Mr. Jeff Wandler	Our company L&H Industrial Inc. has done business with Thompson Creek for at least 20 years. They have been a mainstay customer for us and have been great to work with and important to our revenue. It would be very important to us that their mine stays viable in the future.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
452	452.2	L&H Industrial Inc., Vice President	Mr. Jeff Wandler	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
452	452.3	L&H Industrial Inc., Vice President	Mr. Jeff Wandler	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
452	452.4	L&H Industrial Inc., Vice President	Mr. Jeff Wandler	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
453	453.1	L&H Industrial Inc., Millwright	Mr. Kim Wentling	I support the proposed Land Exchange because it will and important life to the mine which supports the families and communities.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
454	454.1	RAM Enterprise, Inc., Director of Customer Service	Ms. Sharon Horn	Our company, RAM Enterprise, Inc. has been a supplier of Thompson Creek for almost 20 years. We provide a variety of products and services, most of which are related to belt conveying and material crushing and milling. Over the years, we have performed many projects for Thompson Creek - some of which have required a crew of up to 20 people to be on site for up to two months. Each of those (Nevada-based) team members shop in local businesses, stay in local hotels and eat in local restaurants; contributing a significant economic impact to the Challis area.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
454	454.2	RAM Enterprise, Inc., Director of Customer Service	Ms. Sharon Horn	As a native of Idaho, I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
454	454.3	RAM Enterprise, Inc., Director of Customer Service	Ms. Sharon Horn	I know that Thompson Creek brings much-needed high paying jobs to the area. I also am aware that the products extracted from Idaho lands are critical to the US economy, including molybdenum, which is used in so many products.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
455	455.1	L&H Industrial	Morris Honeycutt	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
455	455.2	L&H Industrial	Morris Honeycutt	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine. I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has benefited from the Mine's contributions.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
455	455.3	L&H Industrial	Morris Honeycutt	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
456	456.1	L&H Industrial, Field Service Lead	Chris Rask	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
456	456.2	L&H Industrial, Field Service Lead	Chris Rask	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
456	456.3	L&H Industrial, Field Service Lead	Chris Rask	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
456	456.4	L&H Industrial, Field Service Lead	Chris Rask	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
456	456.5	L&H Industrial, Field Service Lead	Chris Rask	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day. The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	

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456	456.6	L&H Industrial, Field Service Lead	Chris Rask	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has benefited from the Mine's contributions.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
457	457.1		Kashia Whitworth	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
457	457.1		Kashia Whitworth	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
457	457.1		Kashia Whitworth	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community. <u>TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.</u>	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
457	457.1		Kashia Whitworth	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day. The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
457	457.1		Kashia Whitworth	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has benefited from the Mine's contributions.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
458	458.1	May Family Ranch, Owner/Operator	Paul and Sharon May	My wife and I run a rental business at the base of the mountain below TCM on Squaw Creek Road. It is the only one within 30 miles either way. We have done so for the past 14 years. We have B&B rooms plus outbuildings to accommodate summer family reunions. Several years ago we built a cabin for the purpose of renting to TCM miners. That established vital year-round income for us. In 2012 we decided to remodel a large building into more accommodations for miners. We were able to access a loan based on the report from TCM that they anticipated a life of at least 20-25 years. Two weeks before our project was completed, the mine laid off 25% of their workforce and announced that they would go to maintenance status the latter part of this year. That event caused us to lose over half of our renters and preclude any opportunity to obtain more. If they close, we stand to lose at least 40% of our income, which will likely put us out of business. We sincerely hope that something can be worked out so that the mine can remain open. For obvious reasons its closure would be devastating to not only us, but to the other business owners in our area.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
458	458.2	May Family Ranch, Owner/Operator	Paul and Sharon May	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
458	458.3	May Family Ranch, Owner/Operator	Paul and Sharon May	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
458	458.4	May Family Ranch, Owner/Operator	Paul and Sharon May	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
458	458.5	May Family Ranch, Owner/Operator	Paul and Sharon May	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
458	458.6	May Family Ranch, Owner/Operator	Paul and Sharon May	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community. <u>TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.</u>	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
458	458.7	May Family Ranch, Owner/Operator	Paul and Sharon May	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day. The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	

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459	459.1	CLARCOR AIR Filtration Products, Mountain States Regional Manager	Mr. Mark Morrone	Thompson Creek is a good environmental citizen as they have been ordering and changing filters on a regular basis from our company. This aids the environmental impact that the mine may have in the area. I have found similarities between the two mines that prove they are taking a proactive approach to mine filtration.	GEN	Comment noted.	
459	459.2	CLARCOR AIR Filtration Products, Mountain States Regional Manager	Mr. Mark Morrone	I support the proposed Land Exchange	GEN	Comment noted.	
459	459.3	CLARCOR AIR Filtration Products, Mountain States Regional Manager	Mr. Mark Morrone	I support Thompson Creek because they use "best practices" to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
459	459.4	CLARCOR AIR Filtration Products, Mountain States Regional Manager	Mr. Mark Morrone	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
459	459.5	CLARCOR AIR Filtration Products, Mountain States Regional Manager	Mr. Mark Morrone	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has benefited from the Mine's contributions.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
460	460.1	Moly-Cop USA, President	Steven Ornduff	Moly-Cop USA has been a supplier to the TCM for many years. During our many visits to Challis, Idaho, it was clear that Thompson Creek is an extremely important corporate citizen, making not only significant contributions to the tax base of the local area and the State of Idaho, but also in the sponsorship of many educational and charitable activities in the community. Your approval of the proposed Land Exchange will make the mine plan and thus the future of Thompson Creek possible. By doing this, you are supporting not only the employees and families of Thompson Creek, but also are allowing the continuation of significant contributions to the local community and the State.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
460	460.2	Moly-Cop USA, President	Steven Ornduff	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
460	460.3	Moly-Cop USA, President	Steven Ornduff	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
460	460.4	Moly-Cop USA, President	Steven Ornduff	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
461	461.1	CED, Purchasing Agent/Sales	Mr. Tim Park	I support the proposed expansion of the mine. I would like to see the employees stay for another 10-15 years at least!	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
462	462.1	Joy Global, Regional Manager	Mr. Jason Ashby	Our company is a vendor to Thompson Creek and we provide parts support for their electric P&H mining shovels. We have had a long relationship with this mining operation and their business with our company is a part of our overall success.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
462	462.2	Joy Global, Regional Manager	Mr. Jason Ashby	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
462	462.3	Joy Global, Regional Manager	Mr. Jason Ashby	I support Thompson Creek because they use "best practices" to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
462	462.4	Joy Global, Regional Manager	Mr. Jason Ashby	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
462	462.5	Joy Global, Regional Manager	Mr. Jason Ashby	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	

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463	463.1	Humboldt, Professional Land Surveyor	Mr. Richard H. "Chip" Carlson	The TCM expansion would enhance the local economy for years to come and barely impact the current operations. I fully support this expansion and the trade with BLM because I live and play in Idaho and the situation is a good one. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community. TCM operation is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support their employees and families with great benefits and excellent wages which impact the local economy in a great way. I support TCM expansion because I am a surveyor that has benefited from the Mine's contributions to the economy of the area.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
464	464.1		Randy Washburn	Sorry. I totally do not support the land exchange. Thompson Creek is a Canadian owned and operated company. I do not believe that they share the same long term interests as the majority of the people of Custer County. Talk is cheap and there is no guarantee that Thompson Creek will keep the mine open if they do get their land exchange. If they do, more power to them and those that work there. At best the area will see a few more years of mine employment, however the rights to the Broken Wing Ranch will be lost forever. Personally I see no reason to trust the Canadians to do anything they say that they will do. Hell no to the land exchange. I don't want to see any more land turned over to the government. BLM's word isn't so good either.	LAND	Comments noted. The MMPO alternatives would be entirely independent of the land disposal alternatives, e.g., the mine would operate under any MMPO alternative in the same manner regardless of which land disposal alternative were selected. The effects of the US acquiring the ranch are described in the EIS.	
465	465.1	St. Lukes	April Maher	I am from Custer County and the mine helps the whole community and nearing towns to thrive.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
465	465.2	St. Lukes	April Maher	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
465	465.3	St. Lukes	April Maher	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
465	465.4	St. Lukes	April Maher	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
466	466.1	Westpoint Transportation	Mr. Richard Braswell	I am currently employed by Westpoint Transportation which supplies all of the fuel to TCM. This is our main focus here. We would normally take two 9,700 gallon loads to the mine a day, but since the lack of stripping and other operations our wages have suffered. If the mine was to be denied the proposed land exchange and be able to continue with phase 8 of operations, it will be the death of our community. Many stores will not be able to employ full time people. This will start a downhill slide and eventually Challis will be nothing. This is a wonderful community and a great place to live.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
466	466.2	Westpoint Transportation	Mr. Richard Braswell	I have family heritage here dating back to the late 1800s. This is home. If the mine fails to continue we will be forced to move away from home. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
467	467.1		Ms. Judith Mest	I... would like to see TCM continue operating. TCM is an important part of our community as it provides many jobs for Custer County and has been very generous to our charitable organizations and scholarships for our schools and our community in general.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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468	468.1		Mr. John Marshall	As a long time resident of Custer County, I feel that it is very important to keep TCM operating. Throughout TCM's history they have proven what a good employer should be. Many of my friends and acquaintances have worked at TCM over the years, and they have been grateful to have good paying jobs with good benefits. This is particularly important now, with the world economy in such disarray. Moly is a strategic metal, and I feel that it's also important to keep TCM as an asset to this country. TCM is Custer County's largest employer, and a mine closure would have devastating effects on everyone who lives here. Although I don't work at TCM myself, layoffs and shutdowns directly affect me as a builder. When they stop working, I stop working. It's just that simple. As good corporate neighbors and friends, TCM is also very supportive of the community with their many charitable efforts. From rodeo to cancer fundraisers they are always there to help out. This is greatly appreciated. Finally, TCM is the biggest single source of tax revenue for Custer County I can think of. Nobody wants to even think what county budgets would look like if TCM were not part of the picture. Please consider the tremendous impact that TCM has in Custer County, and help them to continue operating and providing all the good things that they do.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
469	469.1	Hydrometrics, Inc., Civil Engineer	Mike Oelrich	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comments noted.	
469	469.2	Hydrometrics, Inc., Civil Engineer	Mike Oelrich	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
469	469.3	Hydrometrics, Inc., Civil Engineer	Mike Oelrich	Having worked with the mine managers, I am impressed with their commitment to do things right. I wish all my mining clients were as conscientious.	GEN	Comment noted.	
470	470.1	CPS, Managing Partner	Mr. John Mac	I just wanted to go on record for support of the TCM modified mining plan of operations and land swap.	GEN	Comment noted.	
470	470.2	CPS, Managing Partner	Mr. John Mac	As a U.S. citizen, small business owner and TC investor, I am keenly aware of the importance an economic engine like the TC mine is to a region. The U.S. has lost far too many jobs over the last 4 years due to government interference and ineptitude. Thompson Creek Metals is a responsible and environmentally sensitive corporate citizen and an integral member of the livelihood of tens of thousands of American households.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
470	470.3	CPS, Managing Partner	Mr. John Mac	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
470	470.4	CPS, Managing Partner	Mr. John Mac	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected for our children and their children.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
470	470.5	CPS, Managing Partner	Mr. John Mac	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
470	470.6	CPS, Managing Partner	Mr. John Mac	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day. This is a strategic metal and our enormously important energy industry needs molybdenum fortified steel in order to grow!	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
470	470.7	CPS, Managing Partner	Mr. John Mac	As an investor I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has benefited from the Mine's contributions to their profits and out U.S. economy. This mine is the ONLY TCM mine of U.S. soils, and it needs to stay open.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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471	471.1	Kimble Oil, Inc., Owners	Gary and Sandi Kimble	We are the employers of 14 people in Challis. It is very important to our employees and to our business for the mine to continue to operate. TCM is very important to our community without it our community will no longer continue to thrive. We will have many, many empty homes, lost jobs and businesses. Our county, city and schools will have a very difficult time trying to overcome this loss. We implore you to do everything possible to keep our largest employer in operation. The impact of TCM closing would be felt from the state, county and city government levels along with our school system, health care, emergency services and all other services we have come to depend upon in our community.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
471	471.2	Kimble Oil, Inc., Owners	Gary and Sandi Kimble	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
471	471.3	Kimble Oil, Inc., Owners	Gary and Sandi Kimble	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
471	471.4	Kimble Oil, Inc., Owners	Gary and Sandi Kimble	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
472	472.1	Doug Hammond Mining, Owner/Operator	Mr. Douglas Hammond	Some of my customers are Thompson Creek employees or are dependant in some way or another on TCM for their livelihood. Thompson Creek has been a supporter of many Challis Community Events for numerous years. If they were forced to close for not being able to obtain the proper permits from the Federal Government it would harm the community. Custer County land area is already 97 percent owned by some form of Government. PILT payments will not pay for all the expenses to the County for the services they are tasked to provide and the residents expect. To force the closure of a productive mine paying taxes to the Federal Government as well as local Government would add more to the national debt and would also harm the infrastructure of the County.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
472	472.2	Doug Hammond Mining, Owner/Operator	Mr. Douglas Hammond	Many of the employees of TCM are also part of the emergency responders in the area. Most of the emergency response groups (Fire, EMS, Search & Rescue, etc) need employees of TCM to provide the level of protection and response that the residents and some visitors have come to expect. It is a sad fact that Employees of local government agencies supply very few emergency responders, but expect the same level of response from local emergency response services.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
472	472.3	Doug Hammond Mining, Owner/Operator	Mr. Douglas Hammond	I hate to see the US become dependant on foreign countries for their minerals used in industry. Sometime in the future as history has proven in the past, some of those foreign suppliers will not provide the minerals necessary for the USA to exist. We might even have to go to war against some of the countries that are now providing us with minerals such as the molybdenum which is produced here.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
472	472.4	Doug Hammond Mining, Owner/Operator	Mr. Douglas Hammond	I have mixed feeling for the land exchange. I would like to see TCM be able to do their activities on private land. If an exchange were to happen I would like to see a higher ratio of federal and for private land, 100 - 200 public acres to 1 private acre. When the mine life is done, Custer County would get far more in taxes from productive ranch land than they would get from private mine ground surrounding a closed down mine surrounded by federal ground with limited access. I would like to see TCM buy the ground necessary from the BLM and sell the Broken Wing Ranch to someone privately and keep the government out of it.	LAND	Comment noted. The ratio of Federal (selected) land to private (offered) lands is the result of the proposal submitted by TCMC, which must provide lands of equivalent fair market value. It would be outside the scope of the project for the BLM to create land disposal alternatives involving lands other than those in the proposal. Alternative L3 would allow TCMC to purchase the selected land with the US not acquiring any private land.	
472	472.5	Doug Hammond Mining, Owner/Operator	Mr. Douglas Hammond	They the Federal Government have more land now than they can effectively manage.	SOC	The burdens to the finances/staff of the BLM are summarized in Section 4.13.2.	
473	473.1		Mrs. A. Shaye Natoli	My husband is an employee of TCM, as are many of my close friends. I have children in school in Challis, shop at local stores, and depend on locals services daily. All of these aspects of daily life depend greatly on the continuance of operations at TCM.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
473	473.2		Mrs. A. Shaye Natoli	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
473	473.3		Mrs. A. Shaye Natoli	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
474	474.1	Hydrometrics, Inc., Engineer I	George Metzger	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine. The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Comment noted. Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	

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475	475.1	Hydrometrics, Inc., Geologist	Larry Johnson	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
475	475.2	Hydrometrics, Inc., Geologist	Larry Johnson	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
476	476.1		Mrs. Tiffany Moe	My dad worked for Thompson Creek years ago. When the mine cut back we were forced to move. Please don't do this to other families! I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
476	476.2		Mrs. Tiffany Moe	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
476	476.3		Mrs. Tiffany Moe	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
476	476.4		Mrs. Tiffany Moe	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
477	477.1	Challis Transportation Co. Inc.	Mrs. Deborah Smith	Our company runs the mail route from Challis to Stanley six days a week, and we also haul small freight packages to customers in Stanley area. Part of our compensation for the mail route is based on quantity of mail boxes or customers. I am also a third generation member of the Custer county community and I know from the history of mining in this area the importance of the mine being successful. Please support the future of this economy for this critical issue.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
477	477.2	Challis Transportation Co. Inc.	Mrs. Deborah Smith	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
477	477.3	Challis Transportation Co. Inc.	Mrs. Deborah Smith	Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
477	477.4	Challis Transportation Co. Inc.	Mrs. Deborah Smith	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
478	478.1	S&G Electric Motor Repair, Sales Mgr.	Paul Yancey	I am employed by a small business that has for many years been involved with the mining industry as a supplier of goods and services. Thompson Creek Mining Co. is one of our key customers here in Idaho.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
478	478.2	S&G Electric Motor Repair, Sales Mgr.	Paul Yancey	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
478	478.3	S&G Electric Motor Repair, Sales Mgr.	Paul Yancey	This would enable the mine to continue as an important provider of jobs to the local economy as well as a company that requires goods and services from multiple business. The impact from the Thompson Creek not being able to extend the life of the mine will affect many businesses that currently support the mine.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
478	478.4	S&G Electric Motor Repair, Sales Mgr.	Paul Yancey	Also, the molybdenum that comes from the mine is used in many of the products that we use on a daily basis and loss of this producer would result in a higher cost of related products to us as consumers.	GEN, SOC	Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
478	478.5	S&G Electric Motor Repair, Sales Mgr.	Paul Yancey	We need to continue to support good companies like Thompson Creek rather than allow them to fold up and go away. Let's Grow Idaho. Let's Grow the Economy.	GEN	Comment noted.	
479	479.1	L&H Industrial, Inc., CFO	Jim Clikeman	L&H has enjoyed an excellent relationship with Thompson Creek Mining Company for over 10 years. I feel Thompson Creek, like L&H, has a culture of supporting their people and the community where they operate. They are more than just a mine - they care. I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10- 15 years and continue to have a positive impact on the community they serve.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
480	480.1	HighMoon Custom Signs+ Designs	Mrs. Elizabeth Miller	I am in total support of TCM to extend their mining operations well into the future! My home is directly across from the mine off the highway 75. In the last 18 years I have been there, I have never had a complaint about the mine or the way they run their operations. Compared to other mines that have been in the area over the last 30 years that I have been in the area, Thompson Creek is top notch! They are very environmentally aware of their impact on the land and run a tight ship. I have NO complaints about how they operate.	GEN	Comments noted.	

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480	480.2	HighMoon Custom Signs+ Designs	Mrs. Elizabeth Miller	My husband at one time worked at the mine and had nothing to say but good things about their operations. They took good care of our family while he was employed there. Our local economy depends greatly from their operations, and I see no reason why they should be stopped. We depend as a community on this mine, we need the income that pours into every business in the area and surrounding towns. They have given so much to our community and I pray that they continue to do so. The progress and growth they have contributed to our area has been great and the neighbors I have that worked/work at the mine depend solely on its income. I can't even begin to list all the great things they have contributed to our area, our community, our children, our businesses, and my neighbors. Our homes, wages, land property, could all be in jeopardy if the mine closes since their operations support so many! Please consider our loss if this mine closes down. I have never worked there myself but know so very many that have and depend on it. I can see no reason why it should be shut down, all I see are the positives of keeping it <u>running way into the future, since our futures depend on it!</u>	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
480	480.3	HighMoon Custom Signs+ Designs	Mrs. Elizabeth Miller	I totally support the Land Exchange, and I also support the plan to move into Phase 8 of the plan in order to expand operations and the life of the mine for their and our futures.	GEN	Comment noted.	
480	480.4	HighMoon Custom Signs+ Designs	Mrs. Elizabeth Miller	I can not express my gratitude or feelings I have towards TCM for the excellence in their treatment of the environment and water of the surrounding land they have shown since the beginning of their operations so many years ago. Since I have a home at Thompson Creek, this is very important to me and my family. Please let the mine continue on into the future with Phase 8.	GEN	Comments noted.	
481	481.1	Southwest Energy, Plant Supervisor	Mr. Thomas Yacomella	I am currently employed as a contractor to TCM. I was born in Challis and have spent my entire life in or around Challis and the Salmon River area. To do this required met to change professions many times just to stay here. TCM has allowed many young local people the opportunity to raise their families in this beautiful location without the fear of being forced to move on. Our area is diversified economically but this mine is a very huge part of the overall balance of tax burden, power rates, business income, and income streams of the urban and rural resident of Custer and Lemhi Counties.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
481	481.2	Southwest Energy, Plant Supervisor	Mr. Thomas Yacomella	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
481	481.3	Southwest Energy, Plant Supervisor	Mr. Thomas Yacomella	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community. TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
481	481.4	Southwest Energy, Plant Supervisor	Mr. Thomas Yacomella	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
482	482.1	Western States Equipment, Regional Service Manager	Mr. Ted Rosa	I am the Regional Service Manager for Western States Equipment. I have worked with the people at Thompson Creek mine for many years. Their record shows they are good stewards of the land and provide needed resources for the world, keeping jobs in America. They are an invaluable part of our state and local communities, providing jobs and money through the state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
482	482.2	Western States Equipment, Regional Service Manager	Mr. Ted Rosa	Please support the proposed mine expansion and land exchange at TCM in central Idaho. I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
482	482.3	Western States Equipment, Regional Service Manager	Mr. Ted Rosa	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
483	483.1	L&H Industrial, Machinist	Mr. Evert Hill	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
483	483.2	L&H Industrial, Machinist	Mr. Evert Hill	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
483	483.3	L&H Industrial, Machinist	Mr. Evert Hill	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community. TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
483	483.4	L&H Industrial, Machinist	Mr. Evert Hill	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day. The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	

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484	484.1	McLellan Industries Inc., Managing Director	Mr. Richard Romney	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
484	484.2	McLellan Industries Inc., Managing Director	Mr. Richard Romney	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has benefited from the Mine's contributions.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
484	484.3	McLellan Industries Inc., Managing Director	Mr. Richard Romney	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
485	485.1	Little Buck-A-Roo Daycare, Owner	Ms. Stephanie Jarvis	I have family that works at the mine as well as many friends too! I own a business that would be effected by the closure, my daughter and mom also own businesses as well, they too would be hit hard. The mine has been a stable employer in the community as well as towns not far from Clayton, hope it keeps going, so my business, my families businesses, and my family and friends can continue to work hard for Thompson Creek as the mine has worked hard for them. I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
486	486.1	DrillPro International, Inc., President	Bill Cunningham	This document serves as a letter of support from Drill Pro International, Inc. for the proposed land exchange with the BLM and the mine expansion by Thompson Creek Mining Company located in Custer County, Idaho during the public comment period ending June 18, 2014.	GEN	Comment noted.	
486	486.2	DrillPro International, Inc., President	Bill Cunningham	Our business relationship with the Thompson Creek Mining Company had a significant impact on our ability to expand the business. The Thompson Creek sales average is approximately \$2.4 million over a six-year period.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
486	486.3	DrillPro International, Inc., President	Bill Cunningham	Indirectly, our employees, vendors, banking and insurance infrastructure have all benefited from out relationship with this key customer. Our floor space has increased by 60% allowing us to purchase additional equipment. Additional equipment purchases mandate increased employment and we now move between 18 and 24 full-time employees. Additional production generates greater involvement with Idaho retail suppliers and larger material vendors at the national level.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
486	486.4	DrillPro International, Inc., President	Bill Cunningham	The Thompson Creek Mining Company has been a strong positive financial impact on the State of Idaho, Custer County and our own economic well-being. I cannot begin to quantify the significant impact of Thompson Creek at the local level of Custer County, Idaho. Every business and every individual in Custer County has been positively and negatively impacted when the mine is running and not running; the funding of essential services is a positive consequence of this and immediate. The local real estate community, retirement incomes, emergency services, educational facilities, local businesses have all experienced pivotal change mandated by the Mine's closures and openings. The land exchange between the BLM and the Thompson Creek Mining Company as well as the expansion project proposed by Thompson Creek Mining will have positive economic impacts for the local economy, the State of Idaho and the far-reaching vendors and suppliers - a revenue sharing and regeneration as a result of simply doing business. This contributes to the dynamic flooding of revenue directly and indirectly.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
486	486.5	DrillPro International, Inc., President	Bill Cunningham	The proposed BLM exchange of land and the proposed expansion of the TCM is whole-heartedly endorsed by Drill Pro International Inc.	GEN	Comment noted.	
487	487.1		Mrs. Sharon May	My in-laws own May Family Ranch, they deeply rely on the mine for their business and so does the community. It would be a shame to close the mine for all the jobs that would be lost. Families depend on the mine. Please keep the mine operating if at all possible.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
487	487.2		Mrs. Sharon May	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comments noted.	
487	487.3		Mrs. Sharon May	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
487	487.4		Mrs. Sharon May	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
487	487.5		Mrs. Sharon May	TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
487	487.6		Mrs. Sharon May	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	

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488	488.1		Kit Kamo	Over the years I have personally saw the dramatic and positive economic impact that this company has made in the local community and in Idaho! I have toured their facility and viewed their proposed expansion. They have done an excellent job maintaining and preserving the wildlife, clean water, and a healthy life style.	GEN, SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
488	488.2		Kit Kamo	They have also done a tremendous amount to support a fledgling community - now the communities are more alive, with thriving businesses, and homes with employed family members. Yes, they are very rural and small town communities, but the people there are just as important as the folks in New York or LA!	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
488	488.3		Kit Kamo	Please approve their plan for continued operations.	GEN	Comment noted.	
489	489.1	G-10 Engineering, LLC, President	Mr. Jitendra Kalyani	I am a consulting engineer in south eastern Idaho. Over the period of years my firm is involved in designing many projects for TCM since 1985. Being involved directly in the design of the projects, we have a first hand knowledge about TCM's attitude and concern about environmental safety and their desire to do all the related process to protect our water quality. That is one of the main reason, we have been involved in their projects. Being an engineer, entrepreneur, and a business oriented individual, I know the importance of the resources such as Molybdenum to the betterment of the society as a whole. I have known dozens of project managers of TCM, who have nothing but great respect for the TCM management, they work as a team, well compensated, and happy employees.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
489	489.2	G-10 Engineering, LLC, President	Mr. Jitendra Kalyani	I highly recommend the expansion for this mine for the Phase 8. It will be good for the area, employment and the world as a whole.	GEN, SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
490	490.1		Kim Coates	I would like to show my support for the TCM.	GEN	Comment noted.	
490	490.1		Kim Coates	Our family as well as many others have family members as well as friends that work at Thompson Creek. Challis is a small community that thrives on the employment of the mine if it were to leave it would be devastating to Custer County. Our schools, businesses, and individuals benefit greatly in Custer County from the mines support.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
491	491.1		Debra Talbott	My Grandson-to-be (by marriage) is employed at the mine in Clayton and I also have many friends that are employed there. This being a very rural area, Challis, Clayton, and Salmon, the job situation is very dire. Most people go to jobs that are near their homes. Not here. Our loved ones have to leave their homes and families in order to find work. With the mine remaining open some family members can work without having to go to another state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
491	491.2		Debra Talbott	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
491	491.3		Debra Talbott	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
491	491.4		Debra Talbott	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
492	492.1	Clarcor, West Regional Sales Manager	Mr. Randy Johnson	We have been a supplier of materials to Thompson creek for close to 20 years. Thompson Creek has been a valued partner with us during this time. I have personally spent time overnight in the Challis area while calling on the mine. The support to the economy that the mine provides to the local town is immeasurable. In my visits to the local establishments I have talked to locals about the benefits the mine provides. I hear nothing but positive things about how the mine improves the well being of the area.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
492	492.2	Clarcor, West Regional Sales Manager	Mr. Randy Johnson	I have been personally to the mine and have always been impressed with the rehabilitation of the mine area and the safety that is present in every job done.	RCL	Comment noted.	
492	492.3	Clarcor, West Regional Sales Manager	Mr. Randy Johnson	I think it would be a great disservice to not allow the mine to expand and shut down.	GEN	Comment noted.	
493	493.1	Arlo G. Lott Trucking, Inc., President	Andrew Lott	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
493	493.2	Arlo G. Lott Trucking, Inc., President	Andrew Lott	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
493	493.3	Arlo G. Lott Trucking, Inc., President	Andrew Lott	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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494	494.1		Tammy Rice	I grew up mining with my granddad on Jordan Creek so to be able to stay in my hometown and learn a trade I loved was incredible. It has given that opportunity to many hometown people. I continued my career with another company and have been in the industry locally for 30 years. The detriment it would cause our community would be huge. Not only would our taxes rise, but the school system would suffer also and that is just a couple examples. They are also huge in donating to many different entities. <u>Please support Thompson Creek Mining.</u>	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
494	494.2		Tammy Rice	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
494	494.3		Tammy Rice	Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
494	494.4		Tammy Rice	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
495	495.1	L&H Industrial, Coordinator	Bart Wood	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comments noted.	
495	495.2	L&H Industrial, Coordinator	Bart Wood	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
495	495.3	L&H Industrial, Coordinator	Bart Wood	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community. <u>TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.</u>	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
495	495.4	L&H Industrial, Coordinator	Bart Wood	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day. The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively. Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
495	495.5	L&H Industrial, Coordinator	Bart Wood	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has benefited from the Mine's contributions.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
496	496.1	McLellan Industries Inc., President	Molly McLellan Mausser	We support this project in part because of their commitment to safety and environmental concerns. I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comments noted.	
496	496.2	McLellan Industries Inc., President	Molly McLellan Mausser	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
496	496.3	McLellan Industries Inc., President	Molly McLellan Mausser	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
496	496.4	McLellan Industries Inc., President	Molly McLellan Mausser	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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496	496.5	McLellan Industries Inc., President	Molly McLellan Mausser	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day. The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively. Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
497	497.1		Mr. Eric Heald	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
497	497.2		Mr. Eric Heald	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
497	497.3		Mr. Eric Heald	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
498	498.1		Mrs. Tamara Heald	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
498	498.2		Mrs. Tamara Heald	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. This mine supports Lemhi County and Custer County. To lose the mine would cause extreme hardship to both communities. The mine is one of our major employers. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
499	499.1		Mrs. Connie Heald	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
499	499.2		Mrs. Connie Heald	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
499	499.3		Mrs. Connie Heald	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
500	500.1		Scott Amos	Idaho desperately needs jobs. Thompson Creek is responsibly creating jobs while leaving as little of a footprint on the environment as possible.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
500	500.2		Scott Amos	Unfortunately environmental groups which are getting rich off of the taxpayers via the Equal Access to Justice Act are too often duping or bullying federal agencies into paying them more taxpayer money. And they aren't afraid to put the economy at risk or to force American companies out of business.	OS	The comment is outside the scope of the project.	
500	500.3		Scott Amos	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comments noted.	
500	500.4		Scott Amos	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
500	500.5		Scott Amos	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
501	501.1	Round Valley Supply, Owner/Manager	Mr. Ron Butts	As a past employee at the TCM, I know first hand about their continued commitment towards the health and safety of the TCM employees and exemplary standards in environmental practices. I greatly appreciate the support from TCM in my business and my community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
501	501.2	Round Valley Supply, Owner/Manager	Mr. Ron Butts	I support the Land Exchange as proposed by TCM to enable the extension of the mine's operations.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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502	502.1	Moly-Cop USA, Senior Account Manager	Fred Rapp	Moly-Cop USA has been a long-term supplier to the TCMs, going back to the start up of the operation. In our long association with this operation and its people, we have observed that Thompson Creek provides many jobs for the local citizens who, along with the company, contribute to the state, local, and county, tax revenues of Idaho. Not only does Thompson Creek provide those jobs, the company and employees are good corporate citizens through donating of corporate and personal funds for sponsorships, providing volunteers to the many charitable and educational activities in the community, and maintaining high ecological standards.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
502	502.2	Moly-Cop USA, Senior Account Manager	Fred Rapp	Your approval of the Land Exchange will allow TCM to extend the life of the operation for many more years. This will, in turn, extend the previously listed contributions to state, county, and local communities by the company and its employees.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
503	503.1	RM Rubber & Plastic Co, Inc., President	Bob Royce	We at RM Rubber & Plastic Co would hate to lose a customer like Thompson Creek. RM Rubber employs about thirteen employees at this time in Salt Lake City, Utah area. Even though they are about 250 miles away we have been able to manufacture rubber parts for them and have enjoyed doing business with them for more than 12 years. They spend about \$60,000.00 per year with us, which makes them an important asset to our company and employees. Everything that the population needs is either mined or grown.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
503	503.2	RM Rubber & Plastic Co, Inc., President	Bob Royce	I enjoy visiting their plant and mine area and driving up through the canyon and forest. They seem to take very good care of the roads and I can't see any harm by using the natural resources that we need.	GEN	Comments noted.	
504	504.1	Country Doctor Clinic, Secretary/Treasurer/ Owner	Dr. John Dmochowski	I am a doctor of 25 years standing in this area. I support the continuance of the TCM. It is the core industry on which the counties of Custer, Lemhi, and Butte are supported. All of the business in that area are affected by the operations of mining. Thompson Creek has also been generous to the charities and schools of the area. Without the mine these people and this area face extinction.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
504	504.2	Country Doctor Clinic, Secretary/Treasurer/ Owner	Dr. John Dmochowski	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comments noted.	
504	504.3	Country Doctor Clinic, Secretary/Treasurer/ Owner	Dr. John Dmochowski	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
504	504.4	Country Doctor Clinic, Secretary/Treasurer/ Owner	Dr. John Dmochowski	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
504	504.5	Country Doctor Clinic, Secretary/Treasurer/ Owner	Dr. John Dmochowski	Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
504	504.6	Country Doctor Clinic, Secretary/Treasurer/ Owner	Dr. John Dmochowski	TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively. Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
504	504.7	Country Doctor Clinic, Secretary/Treasurer/ Owner	Dr. John Dmochowski	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
505	505.1		Jon Goode	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Comment noted.	
505	505.2		Jon Goode	Having recently reviewed the EIS, let me first say I'm duly impressed with the level of supporting detail within the document. It's obvious a great deal of research, investigation and evaluation went into its preparation.	GEN	Comment noted.	
505	505.3		Jon Goode	As a lifetime Idahoan and avid hunter, I certainly want the pristine water and land of our great state to remain intact. After studying the protective measures proposed by this project, I'm convinced the surrounding environment will be well shielded from any significant impact.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
505	505.4		Jon Goode	Another important consideration is the economic influence. As a licensed CPA with over three decades of business management experience, I'm well aware of the substantial financial contribution Thompson Creek makes to the Idaho economy. Well-paying jobs and property/ income taxes paid by Thompson Creek are a solid chunk of the fuel which keeps Idaho's fiscal engine running smoothly. Rest assured, the economic impact to this region of the state would be devastating should Thompson Creek be unable to continue in business.	GEN	Comment noted.	
505	505.5		Jon Goode	I wholeheartedly support the Bureau of Land Management approving the TCM Expansion.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
506	506.1	Nosgoodies	Mr. Norman Strobel	Doing so will continue to provide Idaho with good jobs and a stable tax base in an environmentally responsible manner.	GEN	The BLM and its cooperating agencies for the TCM EIS are moving the project forward as quickly as they can and still adhering to NEPA requirements for a detailed, "hard look" analysis and meaningful public involvement.	

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506	506.2	Nosgoodies	Mr. Norman Strobel	We have lived in this county for 10 years and this mine is for the betterment of the Challis community, Custer County and the USA. We need to keep this mine open for needed Moly as other sources in the USA and Offshore may not be reliable in the present and future.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
506	506.3	Nosgoodies	Mr. Norman Strobel	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
506	506.4	Nosgoodies	Mr. Norman Strobel	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
506	506.5	Nosgoodies	Mr. Norman Strobel	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that. I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
506	506.6	Nosgoodies	Mr. Norman Strobel	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day. The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively. Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
507	507.1		Mr. Brian Remely	I am currently employed by Thompson Creek in mine ops. I feel it would be a huge benefit to both Custer and Lemhi counties, the state of Idaho and their communities if the mine continued operations.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
507	507.2		Mr. Brian Remely	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comments noted.	
507	507.3		Mr. Brian Remely	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
507	507.4		Mr. Brian Remely	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
508	508.1		Don Jakovac	Thompson Creek plays a vital role and is a stabilizing element needed in Central Idaho's economy. Extending its mine life will enhance Central Idaho's economic future. Thompson Creek has shown to be a responsible miner and strong supporter of their surrounding communities.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
508	508.2		Don Jakovac	The bigger picture is molybdenum, which plays an important role in our modern energy consuming world and is used in many applications for creating green technologies and maintaining a greener environment. It is a vital source in the preservation and efficient use of mother earth's resources.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
508	508.3		Don Jakovac	Thompson Creek is an existing mine whose ore body has many more years of life to deliver molybdenum to the growing need of world demands. Thompson Creek has proven to be a responsible miner and the growing world needs more molybdenum to build a greener environment.	GEN	Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
508	508.4		Don Jakovac	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comments noted.	
508	508.5		Don Jakovac	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
508	508.6		Don Jakovac	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	

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508	508.7		Don Jakovac	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has benefited from the Mine's contributions.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
509	509.1		Ron Millick	I was born and raised in Custer County and understand the importance of multiple use and the impact mining and other natural resource based businesses have had over the years. The Thompson Creek mine has been a great example of a company that supports the local community while at the same time takes its environmental role very seriously. It only makes sense that the people that work and play in such a magnificent area would take care of the resources that have been placed in their care. I fully support any effort to keep the mine open and let it continue to be the driving force behind the Custer County economy for as long as possible.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
510	510.1		Mr. Delbert Summers	As a retired employee of Thompson Creek mine, I would really like to see the mine stay open and add some badly needed jobs in the area. After the last layoff, my son who was employed at Thompson Creek had to give his new home here in Challis back to the bank and move to Winnemucca, Nevada. He has a good job in Nevada, but would really like to live here in Challis, which would benefit me as well. Being retired and also limited by breathing problems, I really counted on his help and had many good fishing and hunting trips with him. If there is any way to keep the mine open, it truly would help the economy here in this area.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
510	510.2		Mr. Delbert Summers	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comments noted.	
510	510.3		Mr. Delbert Summers	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
510	510.4		Mr. Delbert Summers	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
510	510.5		Mr. Delbert Summers	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day. The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively. Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
511	511.1		Shelbie Bryant	I grew up in Challis and am lucky enough to have the opportunity to raise my children here only because my husband is employed at TCM. There are no other job options in this area in his line of work. My husband and I also own a martial arts school in town which provides an otherwise unavailable beneficial activity for both children and adults in the community. This service would also be taken away from the area if we had to relocate for work. Growing up here, I have seen the major influence that the mine has had on this area, including community support, economic support, environmental consciousness, support to neighboring communities, etc., and it has been a mostly positive one. I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
512	512.1		Emily Bryant	My dad works at Thompson Creek. I enjoy living in Challis near my Grandpa and Grandma. If the mine closes, we will have to move away. I hope the mine stays open.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
513	513.1		Ms. Rose Johnson	I am in favor of the trading of property to Thompson Creek by the BLM.	GEN	Comment noted.	
513	513.2		Ms. Rose Johnson	We are in need of employment for people in Custer and Lemhi Counties to boost the economy and keep our young people in the area. My son worked for Thompson Creek and it gave him a boost to go back to college and get an education. The Broken Wing Ranch has never been a very productive ranch and was a hobby ranch for its owner before Thompson Creek acquired it. I appreciate every thing the Mine has done for Custer and Lemhi County and would like to see it continue. I support the Land Exchange enabling Thompson Creek to continue their operation.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
513	513.3		Ms. Rose Johnson	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
514	514.1		Eileen Havens	The people of Salmon and Challis need this mine to keep going; otherwise, it will be a financial disaster for both areas. We are long-time residents and have seen mines come and go for years, and we desperately need all the jobs we can hang on to survive. The regulations from the Government has made it almost impossible for these two towns to survive. Closing Thompson Creek closing would be the last nail in the coffin.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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514	514.2		Eileen Havens	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
514	514.3		Eileen Havens	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
514	514.4		Eileen Havens	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
514	514.5		Eileen Havens	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has benefited from the Mine's contributions.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
515	515.1		Mrs. Myrna Christenot	My son-in-law has worked for Thompson Creek for many years supporting a family of 4. He may have to leave the valley to support his family if the mine closes, as will many other Thompson Creek employees. Please consider the land exchange so families won't be split up due to a closure. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
516	516.1	Salmon School District 291, Teacher	Nancy Bolyard	I live in Lemhi County. I realize the need to keep all of our current businesses and industries alive and well for our economic benefit. As our businesses dwindle, so does our population and livelihood. When the Beartrack mine closed down, it was devastating to our economy. The timber industry has all but shut down. Our forest funds are almost nonexistent. Our schools and our children suffer the lack of funds. When the schools and job market doesn't operate as they should, people relocate.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
516	516.2	Salmon School District 291, Teacher	Nancy Bolyard	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
516	516.3	Salmon School District 291, Teacher	Nancy Bolyard	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
516	516.4	Salmon School District 291, Teacher	Nancy Bolyard	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
516	516.5	Salmon School District 291, Teacher	Nancy Bolyard	Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community. TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
517	517.1		Marci Dixon	My husband has been employed with TCM for approx. 18 years. Over the years I have seen the mine sponsor many local events and participate in many fundraisers for members of the community. Our family, kids too, are healthier people due to the support of the mine--health benefits are excellent and when we have had family emergencies the mine staff have shown endless support.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
518	518.1		Ms. Patricia Olsson	TCM is a good steward of its lands, its employees, and its community. This one business that does it right! Please approve the petition. I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comments noted.	
518	518.2		Ms. Patricia Olsson	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
518	518.3		Ms. Patricia Olsson	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community. TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
518	518.4		Ms. Patricia Olsson	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day. The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively. Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	

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519	519.1	Global-Pak Inc., President	Kevin Channell	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in "Phase 8" to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
519	519.2	Global-Pak Inc., President	Kevin Channell	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
519	519.3	Global-Pak Inc., President	Kevin Channell	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
519	519.4	Global-Pak Inc., President	Kevin Channell	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day. The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively. Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
520	520.1		Mr. Roger Rowles	...Thompson Creek plays a meaningful role in my life. Not only was I raised in Challis, but my father, Don Rowles, has worked for the mine for many years. The mine has always been a cornerstone of the Custer County community, providing jobs, financial support, and stability to the community regardless of affiliation with the mine. Additionally, as an avid outdoor enthusiast and former guide on the Middle Fork of the Salmon River, the environment is very important to me, and I fully and completely trust Thompson Creek Mining Company as stewards of our great outdoors.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
520	520.2		Mr. Roger Rowles	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in "Phase 8" to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comments noted.	
520	520.3		Mr. Roger Rowles	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
520	520.4		Mr. Roger Rowles	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community. TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
520	520.5		Mr. Roger Rowles	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day. The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively. Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
520	520.6		Mr. Roger Rowles	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has benefited from the Mine's contributions.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
521	521.1		Mandi Eck	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in "Phase 8" to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
521	521.2		Mandi Eck	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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522	522.1		Gordon Hammond	[I am a] local business owner. Raised in Challis. I support the mine expansion but disagree with the land exchange. The federal government is not managing the land they have now. The mine should be able to purchase the land at a fair market value.	LAND	Under land disposal Alternative L3, the US would not obtain any of the offered lands. The selected land would be sold by a direct (non-competitive) sale to TCMC, a modified competitive sale (TCMC would be identified as the bidder authorized to meet the high bid), or a competitive sale (the highest bidder would receive title to the property). In the first case the sale would be at the appraised fair market value pursuant to Section 203 of the FLPMA and all other applicable laws, regulations (e.g. 43 CFR 2710).	
522	522.2		Gordon Hammond	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
522	522.3		Gordon Hammond	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community. <u>TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.</u>	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
522	522.4		Gordon Hammond	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day. The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively. Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
523	523.1		Mr. David Bergey	I support the Land Exchange because it is a gain for the public interest in general and streamlines mining operations in particular. <u>Everyone benefits.</u>	GEN	Comments noted.	
523	523.2		Mr. David Bergey	I am a former employee of the mine, and have tracked issues related to the project for years. They have maintained a proactive approach to environmental issues throughout the operating life of the mine, across ownership changes and over a long period of time. They are reputable and knowledgeable professionals. Past performance needs to be a component of any decision regarding their future operation.	GEN	Past performance or the environmental record of a proponent is not considered in the NEPA analysis per se, but the ability of a proponent to successfully complete a project, including monitoring and mitigation, is considered during the consideration of an application.	
523	523.3		Mr. David Bergey	Finally, I believe the proposed Phase 8 mine expansion will not contribute to degraded water quality, based on the receiving streams in the surrounding watersheds generally exhibiting higher contaminant levels than the feeder streams affected by mining operations. This indicates to me that protective measures enacted at the onset of mining, and greatly enhanced since then, are working as intended.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
524	524.1	S&G Electric Motor Repair, General Manager	Mr. Jim Pratt	I am the general manager at S&G Electric Motor Repair, our business relationship with Thompson Creek goes all the way back to 1984 when the mine was called Cyprus. Thompson Creek is a very valuable customer to our company as well as our suppliers and supporting 20+ families just in our organization. It is very important to this county, our state, and our country to keep this mine alive and profitable.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
524	524.2	S&G Electric Motor Repair, General Manager	Mr. Jim Pratt	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comments noted.	
524	524.3	S&G Electric Motor Repair, General Manager	Mr. Jim Pratt	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
524	524.4	S&G Electric Motor Repair, General Manager	Mr. Jim Pratt	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day. The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively. Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	

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525	525.1	S&G Electric Motor Repair, Sales and Service	Brenda Roberts	I am employed by S&G Electric Motor Repair located in Blackfoot, Idaho. We have been a supplier of goods and service to the TCM for many years. I also have many friends and family members who live in the surrounding area who are employed or benefit from having the TCM in their area. I have lived in Idaho all my life and frequently visit this part of our beautiful state. The TCM has used and will continue using the <u>best practices to keep it beautiful for everyone to enjoy.</u>	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
525	525.2	S&G Electric Motor Repair, Sales and Service	Brenda Roberts	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
525	525.3	S&G Electric Motor Repair, Sales and Service	Brenda Roberts	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. <u>Not only does TCM contribute to the local community, they support many businesses all over Idaho.</u>	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
526	526.1	Brenntag Pacific, Inc., Vice President	Mr. Jim Heyward	As a long-term supplier to Thompson Creek Mining Company, it is clear that Thompson Creek is a key member of the western US mining industry. Continuing operations through the proposed Mine Expansion and Land Exchange will continue to impact the local community as well as regional suppliers like Brenntag in a positive manner.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
526	526.2	Brenntag Pacific, Inc., Vice President	Mr. Jim Heyward	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
526	526.3	Brenntag Pacific, Inc., Vice President	Mr. Jim Heyward	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
526	526.4	Brenntag Pacific, Inc., Vice President	Mr. Jim Heyward	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to <u>national and global production.</u>	
527	527.1	Jeff Ross Photography, Owner	Mr. Jeff Ross	I am a commercial photographer that has worked for Thompson Creek Mining Company and support the work they do to extract this valuable resource and maintain great stewardship of the land. <u>I support the proposed Land Exchange.</u>	GEN	Comments noted.	
527	527.2	Jeff Ross Photography, Owner	Mr. Jeff Ross	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
527	527.3	Jeff Ross Photography, Owner	Mr. Jeff Ross	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
527	527.4	Jeff Ross Photography, Owner	Mr. Jeff Ross	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
528	528.1	Rockmount Research & Alloys, Sales Rep	Mr. Don Lesniewski	I'm a sales rep (vendor/supplier) who visits the Thompson Creek on a monthly basis. I live in Pocatello, and travel up to Salmon, then down to Challis to spend the night at the Northgate Inn. I eat dinner and breakfast in Challis, get doughnuts for the mine at Lambs store. Before I leave I'll grab a sandwich in town and gas up to go back to Pocatello. If the mine closes, I have no reason to go through Challis or Salmon because the mine is really the only reason I go to Challis. I realize tourism is key there, but many other Reps like me go there in the off months consistently. I support "Phase 8" at Thompson Creek. They heavily support your community there in Challis amongst others like me who often travel there to visit them. Nobody else can pay wages in your area like they can, so I feel it would be a terrible loss for you and others like me if they close. I understand eventually mines close but if we can mine moly in Idaho why are we sending good paying jobs to another country? Can't we benefit from the revenues and <u>taxes here?</u>	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
529	529.1	TFCO, Deputy	Mr. Gary Trostel	Just the economics to the local areas well being should be enough. If the owners of the mine are willing to chance keeping the doors open, even knowing that their product price per ton is going to be a continuing problem. Give the go ahead. You as a government entity have nothing to lose. Your not going to run a business at a loss. And the local communities benefit. Win win.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
529	529.2	TFCO, Deputy	Mr. Gary Trostel	Go phase 8, but at the same time they have the responsibility to assure land and water quality.	GEN	The protection of natural resources has been incorporated into the project with environmental controls and monitoring (Section 2.1.1.7)mitigation if necessary (Section 4.21), and adaptive management (Section 2.1.1.9). Also, long-term water management has been incorporated into the project (Section 2.1.1.8).	
530	530.1	S&G Electric Motor Repair, President	Ms. Sheri Jorgensen	I am a long-time employee of S&G Electric Motor Repair. We are a TCM vendor since 1984. The business we do with TCM is important in the success of our company and the livelihood of our employees.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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530	530.2	S&G Electric Motor Repair, President	Ms. Sheri Jorgensen	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comments noted.	
530	530.3	S&G Electric Motor Repair, President	Ms. Sheri Jorgensen	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
530	530.4	S&G Electric Motor Repair, President	Ms. Sheri Jorgensen	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
530	530.5	S&G Electric Motor Repair, President	Ms. Sheri Jorgensen	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day. The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively. Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
531	531.1		Mrs. Amber Harden	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I believe there would be considerable benefit to consolidate the management of the mine and surrounding land.	LAND	Comment noted. Acquisition of the offered lands by the US would increase block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the offered lands (and would decrease block Federal land tenure in the vicinity of the selected land).	
531	531.2		Mrs. Amber Harden	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
531	531.3		Mrs. Amber Harden	Thompson Creek has always made sure that the land and water quality are protected and I believe they would continue to do so in "Phase 8."	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
531	531.4		Mrs. Amber Harden	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. This allows many of the people to continue to stay in Challis whereas they might not be able to if the mine were to cease operation. Thompson Creek has benefited me personally in the past and still benefits my family. It even benefits those of us that call Salmon home as some employees are Salmon residents who have found the mine to provide well for their families.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
532	532.1	R.A.T.	Mr. Rick Austin	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comments noted.	
532	532.2	R.A.T.	Mr. Rick Austin	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
532	532.3	R.A.T.	Mr. Rick Austin	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
532	532.4	R.A.T.	Mr. Rick Austin	Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community. TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
532	532.5	R.A.T.	Mr. Rick Austin	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day. The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively. Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	

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532	532.6	R.A.T.	Mr. Rick Austin	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has benefited from the Mine's contributions.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
533	533.1		Mr. William Sharp, MBA/CPA	I fully support the TCM's proposed operations expansion and land exchange with the BLM.	GEN	Comment noted.	
533	533.2		Mr. William Sharp, MBA/CPA	Continued mining operations are imperative to the financial stability of Custer County and the small towns within. Our children and grand children deserve the option of being able to earn an adequate living without having to leave their home to do so. The TCM is an excellent employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. <u>I urge approval of their continued operations well into the future.</u>	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
534	534.1		Mrs. Darla Wornek	...my husband was laid off from Thompson Creek in October of 2012. Since that time, he has tried to find employment here in Idaho with no luck. Just odd jobs here and there. In other words, there are no jobs unless we sell our home and move out of state. We are trying desperately to stay in Idaho close to our children and grandchildren. If Thompson Creek is not permitted to do this expansion, there will be more and more people that have to leave. This will be a huge blow to the economy here in Central Idaho. <u>We need this expansion desperately!!</u>	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
534	534.2		Mrs. Darla Wornek	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comments noted.	
534	534.3		Mrs. Darla Wornek	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add <u>value to our community.</u>	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
535	535.1	Hecla, Corporate Environmental Director	Mr. Paul Glader	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
535	535.2	Hecla, Corporate Environmental Director	Mr. Paul Glader	In my experience the environmental culture is well ingrained within the employees and management of Thompson Creek and they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
535	535.3	Hecla, Corporate Environmental Director	Mr. Paul Glader	Molybdenum is an ingredient necessary for our lifestyle.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
535	535.4	Hecla, Corporate Environmental Director	Mr. Paul Glader	The mine expansion gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Continued operation of the mine will enable the positive economic impacts to Challis and Central Idaho. Thompson Creek employs over 250 direct jobs as well as a multiple of indirect jobs and businesses. This enables the economic well being of the community, local government and the school system. As a past member of the District 181 School Board, I am well aware of the positive and absolutely critical impacts that the <u>continued operation of the mine provides on the viability of the school district.</u>	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
535	535.5	Hecla, Corporate Environmental Director	Mr. Paul Glader	I urge BLM to support the TCM's proposed M2 alternative. This alternative protects water quality by collection and treatment.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
535	535.6	Hecla, Corporate Environmental Director	Mr. Paul Glader	I support the proposed Land Exchange which will facilitate access and recreation opportunities.	LUR	Acquisition of the offered parcels would provide additional recreational opportunities along the Salmon River as these lands would be open to the public. Further, if these lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the lands and resources would be managed as <u>directed by the RMP.</u>	
535	535.7	Hecla, Corporate Environmental Director	Mr. Paul Glader	Thank you for your consideration of my comments, I ask BLM to complete the NEPA analysis in a timely fashion.	NEPA	Comment noted. The BLM is trying to complete the NEPA process as quickly as possible while still abiding by the NEPA. The agencies expect to issue RODs for the project during 2015.	
536	536.1		Mr. Pete Blakeley	As a Lemhi county resident and ardent supporter of all resource development activities on public and private lands I support the TCM Expansion.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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536	536.2		Mr. Pete Blakeley	By allowing Thompson Creek additional options through mine expansion plans the USFS and BLM will be able to take pride in continuing to help Custer County provide jobs and income to the local population.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
536	536.3		Mr. Pete Blakeley	Additionally, the land exchange will give the BLM management of and the public access to a very valuable stretch of the Salmon River for additional recreational activity that all citizens can benefit from.	LAND, LUR	Acquisition of the offered parcels would provide additional recreational opportunities along the Salmon River as these lands would be open to the public. Further, if these lands come under jurisdiction of the BLM, the lands and resources would be managed as directed by the RMP.	
536	536.4		Mr. Pete Blakeley	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comments noted.	
536	536.5		Mr. Pete Blakeley	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
536	536.6		Mr. Pete Blakeley	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
537	537.1	The Archibald Company, President	Mr. James Jones	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
537	537.2	The Archibald Company, President	Mr. James Jones	The people at the TCM have a long and efficient record of mining and protecting the environment. I feel it is in the best interest of the United States and the state of Idaho to allow them to continue developing this mine. It not only helps the local community, but the nation to retain these jobs and the stewardship of the land.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
538	538.1		Mrs. Geraldine Moore	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
539	539.1		Mr. Dan Kay	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comments noted.	
539	539.2		Mr. Dan Kay	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
539	539.3		Mr. Dan Kay	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
539	539.4		Mr. Dan Kay	Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
539	539.5		Mr. Dan Kay	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
540	540.1	Redi Services, LLC, CFO	Jay Anderson	The mine is rapidly running out of permitted land associated with the current Phase 7 operating plan, which is intended to conclude in 2014. We support Thompson Creek Mining Company ("Thompson") in its efforts to obtain approval from the BLM to expand the mine permit and enable Thompson to continue mining.	GEN	Comments noted.	
540	540.2	Redi Services, LLC, CFO	Jay Anderson	Thompson has been good stewards of the land and had provided an operating model that comports with all environmental guidelines. Thompson has been an outstanding corporate citizen with their mining operations. Thompson has provided solid and high paying jobs for its employees which is critical to the success of any community or society. We are a service company that likewise benefits from the business operations of the mine. We respectfully seek BLM approval for the continuation of the mine's operations and provide Thompson the requisite permits to carry on its mining activities. In addition to the economic development of the mine's operations, significant sums of tax dollars are generated by this mine facility. This funnels needed monies to the federal government, state and local governments and municipalities.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
541	541.1	Motion Industries	Kyle Hanson	I work for Motion Industries in Missoula, Montana and the TCM is a customer of ours. Their continued success certainly has a impact on our bottom line.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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541	541.2	Motion Industries	Kyle Hanson	I fully support the land exchange and TCM's expanded operation in Phase 8. They utilize best practices to protect the environment.	GEN	Comments noted.	
541	541.3	Motion Industries	Kyle Hanson	Also, they provide good paying jobs for a lot of people as well as supporting the local communities and schools.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
542	542.1		Mr. Jerry Barrett	I left Salmon to attend college and be able to make a living and support my family. Salmon was very limited on employment back in 1980 and has had limited opportunity since the logging and mining industry came upon such hard times. Most of the employment opportunity for the area is City, County, State and federal employment such as city or county employment or BLM, Forest Service, and Fish and Game. I have traveled back and forth to Salmon area over the years to visit family and hunt and fish. I have friends in the area that depend upon Thompson Creek to make a living. I support the proposed Land Exchange, as long as it furthers the mining activities to provide employment and tax roles.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
542	542.2		Mr. Jerry Barrett	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
542	542.3		Mr. Jerry Barrett	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
542	542.4		Mr. Jerry Barrett	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community. TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
542	542.5		Mr. Jerry Barrett	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day. The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively. Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
542	542.6		Mr. Jerry Barrett	It is so important to have private industry in central Idaho to add to tax roles and provide non-government employment to provide different points of view in local political activities. Allows a diversified opinions in the local school systems education of children, young people and school teachers/administration. The children of TCM employees have increased opportunity to attend State Colleges in fields associated with the mine and other fields associated with environmental activities as the mine exposes the children to pros and cons of industry. The ability to have and maintain diverse employment opportunity in the local area is so important to every aspect of life in the valley. Thompson Creek supports many different businesses from lumber, gas stations, grocery store, restaurants and bars to name a few. The loss of the Thompson Creek mine would be devastating to the local area and State.	SOC	Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
543	543.1		Tom Riley	I have had the opportunity to work at TCM in the past and hope to again in the future. I am a citizen, registered voter and taxpayer and I believe the mine is a vital part of Custer County's economy and should be allowed to expand.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
543	543.2		Tom Riley	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comments noted.	
543	543.3		Tom Riley	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community. TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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544	544.1		Katena Swank	I have seen how students in Challis care for the environment. Obviously, they have learned this from their parents, many of whom are miners and ranchers. The community understands the importance of mining and ranching as well as stewardship of the land. We all need the minerals to manufacture various items in the world. I would say we are a unique society because we care about how the land is mined and reclaimed. We want to be good stewards and continue to prosper and populate the area. Please work with the community and keep the mine in production.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
544	544.2		Katena Swank	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
544	544.3		Katena Swank	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
544	544.4		Katena Swank	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
544	544.5		Katena Swank	TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
544	544.6		Katena Swank	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
545	545.1		Suzanne Osborn	I grew up in Challis and then left for 40 years. I have been back here among family and friends for 6 years and I certainly realize how important this mine is to this community. I am on the board of the local Gallery and Arts Council. The mine is our biggest supporter for the programs that we present to the schools. Without the mine's support we could lose the "Artists in Residence" group, the Shakespeare Theater group, and many other programs. We have a great little community here and I fear that if the mine closes we will lose too much. All of our businesses rely on the mine's employees and money.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
545	545.2		Suzanne Osborn	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
545	545.3		Suzanne Osborn	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community. TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that. I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has benefited from the Mine's contributions.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
546	546.1		Mr. James Williams	I believe you should approve Thompson Creek's proposals because they provide molybdenum from their domestic and Canadian mines. It would seem to be in our country's best interest to cultivate such "friendly/local" sources of this strategically important metal additive. The U.S. should not outsource any more of its steelmaking capability and this is one piece of that puzzle – it is however an important one.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
546	546.2		Mr. James Williams	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
546	546.3		Mr. James Williams	Doing so will benefit the local community, Thompson Creek employees, and our nation.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
546	546.4		Mr. James Williams	For disclosure, I am also a small stockholder of TC common shares and I would obviously like to see the company remain healthy for that reason.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
547	547.1		Briana LeClaire	I live in Meridian and have no direct relationship to the mine. However, logic proves that what you can't grow, you have to dig out of the grounds, so we need mines. Thompson Creek uses best practices to get molybdenum out of the ground. We need moly in products we use every day. Please let the proposed land exchange go through, as it is in everyone's best interests.	GEN	Comments noted. Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	

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548	548.1		Mrs. D. May Quigley	We have both seen how good this mine has been for our community, keeping our young people here with good job potential, giving back to the community year after year. Our daughters...have owned the Y Inn Café since 1994. The fact that it was and is a solvent business venture is due to the fact that Thompson Creek not only has employees that do business at the cafe, but also the mine caters through the cafe for business meals, Christmas parties, etc. I can not stress enough how important this has been over the years, and continues to be, not just to the Y Inn but to all businesses in Challis and surrounding area.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
548	548.2		Mrs. D. May Quigley	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
548	548.3		Mrs. D. May Quigley	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
548	548.4		Mrs. D. May Quigley	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
549	549.1		Matt Spencer	The TCM is a vital part of this community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
549	549.2		Matt Spencer	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
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549	549.7		Matt Spencer	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has benefited from the Mine's contributions.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
550	550.1	Agrium	Mr. Val Steiner	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
550	550.2	Agrium	Mr. Val Steiner	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
551	551.1	Agrium, Project Manager	Mike Carr	I come from a mining community that supports thousands of people either by employment or relative infrastructure. It would be a sad situation to see another area of the United States have another large group of people out of work and strain the Government more than it is now.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
551	551.2	Agrium, Project Manager	Mike Carr	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
551	551.3	Agrium, Project Manager	Mike Carr	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
551	551.4	Agrium, Project Manager	Mike Carr	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	

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552	552.1	Bonner County Clerk	Ms. Ann Dutson-Sater	I am the Bonner County Clerk. As a resident of Idaho, I have an interest in the production of our resources in order to sustain our economy. I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
553	553.1	Bear Lake County Clerk	Mr. Kerry Haddock	I am currently the Clerk of Bear Lake County. I spent 30 years in the mining industries in southeast Idaho. I understand the importance of mining on Idaho's economy and support mining on the public lands.	GEN	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
553	553.2	Bear Lake County Clerk	Mr. Kerry Haddock	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comments noted.	
553	553.3	Bear Lake County Clerk	Mr. Kerry Haddock	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
553	553.4	Bear Lake County Clerk	Mr. Kerry Haddock	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
554	554.1	Twin Falls County Commissioner	Terry Kramer	Idaho needs the ability to use its natural resources for the betterment of its people. I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
555	555.1	Caribou County Commissioner	Earl Somsen	Caribou County has several phosphate mining industries within its jurisdiction. I have seen first hand the economic importance of having industries such as mining within our communities. I would urge the BLM to strongly consider the impact to Custer County regarding either for or against the decision. It seems obvious that it is necessary for this proposed expansion to take place to help economically sustain the communities within Custer County.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
555	555.2	Caribou County Commissioner	Earl Somsen	I support the two proposals for mine expansion and land exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
556	556.1	Twin Falls County Commissioner	Leon Mills	Please know that I support the TCM expansion. It is vital to the economic needs of this area. As a county commissioner we know how important this is.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
557	557.1	Fremont County Commissioner	Lee Miller	I am a strong believer in multiple use for the state of Idaho.	LAND	The BLM and Forest Service have a policy to encourage multiple use of public lands where possible.	
557	557.2	Fremont County Commissioner	Lee Miller	As a commissioner, I support the mine expansion and the land exchange because I represent the people of this county and we are dependant on the mining industry. Economically, we need this mine for the community, the county and the state.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
558	558.1	Canyon County Commissioner Chairman	Steven Rule	I am in full support of Thompson Creek...	GEN	Comment noted.	
558	558.2	Canyon County Commissioner Chairman	Steven Rule	...and the mining industry as a whole in the Pacific Northwest because I have watched the federal government DEQ EPA gradually make it impossible to exercise one of our best resources in the Northwest due to regulation and restrictions. Special interest groups need to be held in check and allow industry groups to move forward.	OS	The BLM must evaluate the MMPO alternatives in a nonpartisan manner pursuant to the applicable laws and regulations.	
558	558.3	Canyon County Commissioner Chairman	Steven Rule	Please support the TCM Expansion and the Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
559	559.1	Nez Perce County Commissioner	Doug Zenner	I am the County Commissioner for Nez Perce County. I support the TCM Expansion and the Land Exchange because I know that doing so will expand the tax base, provide jobs, further develop the communities - both local and surrounding, and provide educational opportunities for our kids. What more can I say? I know that most businesses these days care about the environment. Thompson Creek is no exception. They are the most careful environmentalist I know.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
559	559.2	Nez Perce County Commissioner	Doug Zenner	If we don't support this Mine Expansion then we support stagnation. I am against stagnation and hope that you are too.	GEN	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
559	559.3	Nez Perce County Commissioner	Doug Zenner	Please support the Mine Expansion so that Thompson Creek can continue to mine and support the fine people in this state.	GEN	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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560	560.1	4-CASI, Executive Director	Kathy Ray	As an economic development specialist for rural counties in southeastern the TCM has my full support and appreciation. The mine is a critical part of the health and vitality of Challis and the surrounding county residents. The mine is a key player in sustaining the economics in the valley. They provide livable wages and benefits in this rural part of Idaho. Without the mine, the Challis area would lose its population and economic sustainability. Mining is a critical partner for rural communities, and the industry as a whole is supported by the local communities; mining plays a critical roll in Idaho's economy as well and should be protected. I am also in support of the land exchange between Thompson Creek and BLM. This exchange is a demonstration of public and private partnerships and how they benefit the general public as a whole.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
561	561.1	Ferguson Enterprises, Inc., Industrial Sales Manager	J. Casey Standley	Ferguson employs about 18,000 people nation wide and locally in southeast Idaho approximately 35 associates. It is these 35 individuals and their families that will directly be affected by the possible closing of TCM near Clayton, Idaho. Obviously many others would be negatively impacted, including businesses, schools, hospitals, municipalities and many more entities. As I understand economics, every dollar spent in our communities comes back seven times. The expansion of the mine is critical to the people of Custer County, not to mention the nation, and world as a whole.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
561	561.2	Ferguson Enterprises, Inc., Industrial Sales Manager	J. Casey Standley	After doing business with Cypress/Thompson Creek for more than thirty years, we have seen their track record for reclaiming their mine sites and the every day care they invoke in every process they do.	RCL	Comment noted.	
561	561.3	Ferguson Enterprises, Inc., Industrial Sales Manager	J. Casey Standley	We want to affirm our support of the proposed TCM expansion and offer to entertain any and all comments, questions or information requests by an parties.	GEN	Comment noted.	
562	562.1	Minidoka County Commissioner	Sheryl Koyle	I have a son that works at this mine. It is important to keep this mine operating for the good of the local and state economy. As a County Commissioner for Minidoka County I know how important our resources are for our economic health. I fully support continued permits be given to this operation.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
562	562.2	Minidoka County Commissioner	Sheryl Koyle	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
562	562.3	Minidoka County Commissioner	Sheryl Koyle	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
562	562.4	Minidoka County Commissioner	Sheryl Koyle	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
562	562.5	Minidoka County Commissioner	Sheryl Koyle	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
562	562.6	Minidoka County Commissioner	Sheryl Koyle	Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community. I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
562	562.7	Minidoka County Commissioner	Sheryl Koyle	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
563	563.1	Minidoka County, Clerk of the District Court	Patty Temple	I support the TCM Expansion because of the economic, socioeconomic and environmental impact Thompson Creek has on our state.	GEN	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
563	563.2	Minidoka County, Clerk of the District Court	Patty Temple	They support the local communities by providing jobs, tax contributions, local community group contributions, scholarships, health benefits to employees families and security to local vendors. We need Thompson Creek to continue to grow and thrive in this difficult economy. They have proven themselves worthy by taking care of the environment and by taking care of their employees and the locals!!	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
563	563.3	Minidoka County, Clerk of the District Court	Patty Temple	Please support the mine expansion and land exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
564	564.1		Veda Mascarenas	I live in a rural county with 3 mines. These are phosphate mines. Mining now has numerous protocols to reclaim the land that they disturb. The people that live in the Soda Springs live there because they love the area. Mining has not disturbed the out recreation that is near and dear to the hearts of many. After review of this mine, I can see no reason that this mine should not be given the permits it needs. Local people those that have lived with mining will always give you the best results for mining permitting. I would urge you to allow the permitting that is required.	GEN	Comment noted.	
565	565.1	Gem County Commissioner	Lan Smith	I am a county commissioner for Gem County and support the proposed expansion of TCM. I assure you that I have taken the time to review the issue and find that it looks to me to be the best choice for the area.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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565	565.2	Gem County Commissioner	Lan Smith	In review, I have found that this company has been dedicated to a healthy environment. We must support any company that has environmental friendly policies. This is evident for Thompson by the awards that they have been given for their care of the environment. I would welcome them in my county and encourage you support the proposal. I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
565	565.3	Gem County Commissioner	Lan Smith	I support Thompson Creek because they use "best practices" to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
565	565.4	Gem County Commissioner	Lan Smith	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
565	565.5	Gem County Commissioner	Lan Smith	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
566	566.1	Bonneville County Commissioner	Mr. Lee Staker	I serve as the Bonneville County Commissioner. After reviewing the DEIS, I understand and support the requests made by TCM to modify their mining plan of operations and their proposed land exchange with the BLM.	GEN	Comment noted.	
566	566.2	Bonneville County Commissioner	Mr. Lee Staker	If Thompson Creek's new MMPO is accepted, Thompson Creek will have the opportunity to continue mining for Molybdenum and may be able to keep the mine operational for an additional 10 years. The price of Moly is up significantly from last year. Now would be a bad time to let additional ore deposits sit in the ground. Especially because mining the additional ore would not have an additional environmental impact. The equipment, the process and the man power is already in place to do so.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
566	566.3	Bonneville County Commissioner	Mr. Lee Staker	Please support the Mine Expansion (M2) and the Land Exchange (L2) as submitted by Thompson Creek.	GEN	Comment noted.	
567	567.1	Caribou County Clerk Elect	Denise Horsley	I think it is important to allow TCM Expansion because if they shut down, it will bankrupt our county. The plants rely on Thompson Creeks business and the employment they provide.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
568	568.1	Valley County Commissioner	Bill Willey	I support the new mining plan submitted by Thompson Creek M2 and L2.	GEN	Comment noted.	
568	568.2	Valley County Commissioner	Bill Willey	Thompson Creek should be able to continue mining for 9 to 10 years. Our community depends on the jobs and the business from the mine. Without it our future is uncertain.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
568	568.3	Valley County Commissioner	Bill Willey	Please support M2 and L2.	GEN	Comment noted.	
569	569.1	Lemhi County Clerk	Terri Morton	Thompson Creek helps employee residents of Lemhi County. I support the Mine Expansion (M2) and (L2).	GEN	Comment noted.	
569	569.2	Lemhi County Clerk	Terri Morton	I wish we would have more resources open up to us. Thompson Creek is currently the lifeblood of many communities. They support employees from all over the state. Please support their proposals.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
570	570.1	Lincoln County Commissioner	Cresley McConnell	I support Mine Expansion and Land Exchange as proposed by Thompson Creek. M2 and L2.	GEN	Comment noted.	
570	570.2	Lincoln County Commissioner	Cresley McConnell	Thompson Creek supplies jobs and used local vendors. We need them to keep mining to keep our people employed and in business.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
571	571.1	Clark County Commissioner	Greng Shenton	TCM supports many families and businesses in our county.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
571	571.2	Clark County Commissioner	Greng Shenton	Please support their proposed mine expansion M2 and L2 for land exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
571	571.3	Clark County Commissioner	Greng Shenton	I rely on them to support the people and businesses that elected me as representation. I support economic development and would appreciate the additional 9 years Thompson Creek would operate.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
572	572.1	Payette County Clerk	Betty Dressen	I have reviewed the DEIS and support the Thompson Creek preferred alternatives M2 and L2 for mine expansion and land exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
572	572.2	Payette County Clerk	Betty Dressen	I believe that Thompson Creek should continue into Phase 8 because they are a reliable company. They support hundreds of jobs and local businesses. We rely on their mining operations to bring money and jobs to our state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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572	572.3	Payette County Clerk	Betty Dressen	I understand the differences between M1 and M2 and L1 and L2. I support those differences and urge the BLM to also support M2 and L2.	GEN	Comment noted.	
572	572.4	Payette County Clerk	Betty Dressen	They are a responsible company and I trust them to continue mining in an environmentally safe manner for an additional 9 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
573	573.1	Jerome County Commissioner	Roger Morley	I am a Jerome County Commissioner who is in favor of the proposed mine expansion submitted by Thompson Creek M2. I have researched Thompson Creek and believe that they are environmentally responsible. They deserve to keep mining and I trust that they will continue to be environmentally responsible.	GEN	Comments noted.	
573	573.2	Jerome County Commissioner	Roger Morley	Expansion of TCM operations would have a significant economic benefit while only slightly increasing the mine's footprint. The two waste rock storage facilities and the tailings impoundment would expand slightly and would allow the mine to continue operations until 2025. Please support M2 and L2. Doing so supports the economy and does so with little additional environmental impact.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
574	574.1	Western States Cat, Southern Idaho Sales Manager	Shane Johnson	I am a sales director for Western States. We are a vendor to the mine. We are dependant on Thompson Creek's business. Challis is also dependant on Thompson Creek's business and community contributions. The revenue from Thompson Creek supports not only the locals but all of Idaho.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
575	575.1	East Idaho Credit Union, Assistant Branch Manager	Jane Bloxham	I work at East Idaho Credit Union and many of the people who work at the mine are long time members. One way the credit union is supported in our community is by the loans we provide to our members and especially to those who work at the mine. We need the employees of TCM to continue to support the credit union and help us continue to grow and support our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
575	575.2	East Idaho Credit Union, Assistant Branch Manager	Jane Bloxham	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
575	575.3	East Idaho Credit Union, Assistant Branch Manager	Jane Bloxham	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
575	575.4	East Idaho Credit Union, Assistant Branch Manager	Jane Bloxham	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
575	575.5	East Idaho Credit Union, Assistant Branch Manager	Jane Bloxham	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
576	576.1		Randy Corder	In today's economy we can not afford to lose more good paying jobs. This mining endeavor contributes to the local and national economy with high wages and local contributions. Please consider this proposal.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
576	576.2		Randy Corder	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
577	577.1	Teton County Commissioner	Kelly Park	I am writing to voice my opinion and those who have elected me County Commissioner. We support the proposed Mine Expansion M2 because our economies both large and small, local, statewide and nationally depend on the TCM for economic development, jobs, tax revenues, contributions and their business with mining vendors.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
577	577.2	Teton County Commissioner	Kelly Park	I am asking BLM to please support M2 for the good of Idahoans.	GEN	Comment noted.	
578	578.1	Braun Brothers Reunion Music Festival	Mr. Muzzie Braun	TCM is an important and necessary part of the local community. Beside being Custer County's largest employer, TMC is constantly the most generous business to open his wallet for most benefits, events and organizations. The small towns of Custer county rely and depend on their continued support and help. My family presents a 3 day music event in Challis, of which TCM has supported for 11 years, with out the help of local business like Thompson Creek, small business like ours would have a hard time surviving.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
579	579.1	The Bent Rod Outdoors, Owner	Greg Webster	I am writing this letter in support of TCM and their proposed expansion of Phase 8. I also support its land exchange.	GEN	Comments noted.	
579	579.2	The Bent Rod Outdoors, Owner	Greg Webster	Thompson Creek and their employees have been a major supporter of our business and also our schools where I presently have 2 kids enrolled. As on of the major employers and tax providers to Custer county, I really do not want to think what the economy would be like without their support. As a business owner and resident of Custer County I hope that all of the considerations of the importance of the mine is to all of us.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
580	580.1		Mr. Kurt Munsee	It is important for our area that mining continues in our area so please let it. I support the Land Exchange.	GEN	Comments noted.	
580	580.2		Mr. Kurt Munsee	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	

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580	580.3		Mr. Kurt Munsee	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. <u>TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.</u>	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
580	580.4		Mr. Kurt Munsee	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
580	580.5		Mr. Kurt Munsee	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
580	580.6		Mr. Kurt Munsee	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day. The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively. Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
580	580.7		Mr. Kurt Munsee	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has benefited from the Mine's contributions.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
581	581.1	Clearwater County Commissioner	John Smith	I am a third generation in the area and still have property in the area. I believe that the economic viability relies on the ability to continue mining.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
581	581.2	Clearwater County Commissioner	John Smith	I support the Thompson Creek preferred alternative M2 and L2 for mine expansion and land exchange. <u>I understand the DEIS and am in full support of M2 and L2.</u>	GEN	Comments noted.	
582	582.1		Mr. Cody Muir	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comments noted.	
582	582.2		Mr. Cody Muir	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
582	582.3		Mr. Cody Muir	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
582	582.4		Mr. Cody Muir	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
583	583.1	Western States, Sales Rep	Cody Eck	I work for Western States Supply. We are vendors to TCM. Our company depends on the mine's business. Therefore, my job depends on the mine. I have researched the proposals on the BLM website. I find it hard to believe that their proposed mine expansion, M2 would not be accepted. They are a responsible company. They take care of their vendors, their employees and the community. They take care of the environment and so do we. We as local vendors care very much about the land that we live on. Please do whatever it takes to give Thompson Creek the opportunity to mine the additional ore deposits. Our jobs depend on it.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
584	584.1		Mr. Nicholas Hofeldt	...I support Thompson Creek as they also use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
585	585.1		Jason Harris	I worked at TCM in the 90s. I support their effort to increase their mine life. TCM is vital to the economy of Idaho.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
585	585.2		Jason Harris	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
585	585.3		Jason Harris	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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585	585.4		Jason Harris	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
586	586.1	Bannock County Clerk	Robert Poleki	Based on TCM's current activities, extending the life of the mine would maintain hundreds of local jobs and create millions in community contributions and local and state taxes.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
586	586.2	Bannock County Clerk	Robert Poleki	Please support the TCM Expansion proposal alternative M2.	GEN	Comment noted.	
587	587.1		Mr. Dave Peoples	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
587	587.2		Mr. Dave Peoples	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
587	587.3		Mr. Dave Peoples	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
587	587.4		Mr. Dave Peoples	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
588	588.1	Agrium, Trainer	Mr. Michael Zander	I am a big lover of the outdoors and this is what most of my hobbies include. That being said, mining does not destroy this. The advancements in reclamation throughout the years have led to old mine sites being a haven for animals and outdoor enthusiasts. The days of leaving a giant scar on the land are gone.	RCL	The overall goal of the reclamation plan is to reclaim the mine site to support wildlife habitats similar to those which occur adjacent to the site. Related objectives include hydrologic function, soil productivity, and aesthetics. The adjacent lands include steep to rolling slopes, rock outcrops, and gentle to flat open areas. The reclamation of the site would produce landforms which provide habitat features and increase the amount of habitat edge.	
588	588.2	Agrium, Trainer	Mr. Michael Zander	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comments noted.	
588	588.3	Agrium, Trainer	Mr. Michael Zander	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
589	589.1		Lyndella Bauchman	I am a rancher living in Challis and come from a family of miners. Mining in this country and especially this area, we live in, is and has been a mainstay for the community but more so, it is important to me that we keep Americans working. There is always a trade off when a resource is needed. We need to learn to live in a balance and consider that our population, meaning human beings, are equally important to the eco system. Thompson Creek in my opinion has come up with a fair trade of land use. It is unfortunate that public opinion is often fueled by those with wealth who have never sweated for their livelihood but have the capabilities of taking that right to work away from another individual-person. I believe that the mining industry is a vital part of our economy and the success of the United States to not becoming totally dependant on imports.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
590	590.1	Agrium, Operator	Mr. Jason Moore	I am currently working for Agrium Conda Phosphate in Soda Springs much like the TCM. I know the importance of the mining industry in Idaho and the impact on local communities. I feel with the way mining is today the impact on the environment is minimal.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
590	590.2	Agrium, Operator	Mr. Jason Moore	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
591	591.1		Mr. Royce Hatch	I am a 5th generation rancher and currently working in the phosphate industry. My family, friends and community depend on the mining industry to sustain our way of life.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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591	591.2		Mr. Royce Hatch	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in "Phase 8" to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
592	592.1	Agrium, Planner III	Mr. Richard Ransom	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in "Phase 8" to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
592	592.2	Agrium, Planner III	Mr. Richard Ransom	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
592	592.3	Agrium, Planner III	Mr. Richard Ransom	I support the proposed Land Exchange	GEN	Comment noted.	
593	593.1	Agrium, Raw Materials Coordinator	Chad Christensen	I work for a company who currently mines in Idaho as well. They are a huge contributor to our community by providing excellent jobs and they donate many hours of service and dollars to our local schools. Without them our town would be a virtual ghost town. Also, mining typically affects other industries like manufacturing, transportation and agriculture, providing jobs and economic growth in those area too. I currently serve as a school board trustee and without the support we receive from our mines the educational needs of our children would suffer tremendously.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
593	593.1	Agrium, Raw Materials Coordinator	Chad Christensen	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in "Phase 8" to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
593	593.1	Agrium, Raw Materials Coordinator	Chad Christensen	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
594	594.1	Way Out West Realty, Owner/Broker	Heather Lambson	I have gotten to see the positive impact the mine has made on Challis over the years. It has provided opportunity for me, my family, friends, and our community. I have family members who have worked for the mine and have been suppliers to the mine. I have attended the local schools supported by the mine, and have family that currently attend these same schools which continue to be supported by the mine.	SOC	Comments noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
594	594.2	Way Out West Realty, Owner/Broker	Heather Lambson	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
594	594.3	Way Out West Realty, Owner/Broker	Heather Lambson	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
595	595.1	Agrium, Plant Operations Manager	Mr. Bryan Triplett	I fully support the proposed expansion of the TCM, and personally see the positive impacts these projects have on our communities. The local employees that perform our mining operations and oversee the best practices to protect our valued natural resources, are truly world class individuals that are passionate about doing things the right way.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
595	595.2	Agrium, Plant Operations Manager	Mr. Bryan Triplett	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected. Much like my own organization, they are committed to partnering with the agencies and communities to preserve our valued natural resources in Idaho.	WTR	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
595	595.3	Agrium, Plant Operations Manager	Mr. Bryan Triplett	TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and support the communities we work and live in. Their programs, similar to our Agrium Growing Together initiatives, play a vital role in Idaho education and community charities.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
596	596.1		Travis Thor	My dad started working at TCM when it was called Cypress. All those years that he put in up at the mine along with all of the company BBQs, I feel that the mine is the back bone and support for the community. It would also create the jobs for the employees that got laid off since work is so hard to get these days. Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
596	596.2		Travis Thor	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in "Phase 8" to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
596	596.3		Travis Thor	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
597	597.1	The Village Inn Motel & Restaurant, Co-owner	Laurie Anderson	The past few years have changed drastically for both our Motel and Restaurant with fewer people living here and fewer sub-contractors coming here to work at the mine.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
597	597.2	The Village Inn Motel & Restaurant, Co-owner	Laurie Anderson	I support the proposed Land Exchange. I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in "Phase 8" to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comments noted.	

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597	597.3	The Village Inn Motel & Restaurant, Co-owner	Laurie Anderson	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
598	598.1		Mr. Forrest Pipkin	I live in Soda Springs and work for Agrium's Conda Phosphate Operations which is linked directly to the mining industry. Living in a small town and knowing fellow Agrium employees and contractors that live in the surrounding communities, I can see the true impact that a mine and processing facility have on the residents. The local impact is monetary (wages, taxes, sponsorships, etc)...	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
598	598.2		Mr. Forrest Pipkin	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine. Additionally, I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
598	598.3		Mr. Forrest Pipkin	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years as well as it allows them to continue their community, county and state support and contributions.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
599	599.1	Golder Associates, Inc., Senior Engineer	Jason Obermeyer, PE	The EIS process has demonstrated that the Phase 8 expansion would be environmentally sound, besides being hugely beneficial to the employees and local communities.	GEN	Comment noted.	
599	599.2	Golder Associates, Inc., Senior Engineer	Jason Obermeyer, PE	My company, Golder Associates, recently donated to support an annual event organized by TCMC that raises funds to be distributed to local students in the form of academic scholarships. This is an example of the community support that would be lost if the life of the mine is not extended.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
599	599.3	Golder Associates, Inc., Senior Engineer	Jason Obermeyer, PE	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
599	599.4	Golder Associates, Inc., Senior Engineer	Jason Obermeyer, PE	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected while producing molybdenum, an important component in many of the products we use daily.	WTR, GEN	Comment noted. TCMC has a water management system that is directed by IDEQ's water quality standards, designed to be protective of the environment (Sections 2.1.1.6 and 3.6).	
599	599.5	Golder Associates, Inc., Senior Engineer	Jason Obermeyer, PE	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages. Local families and communities would be hit hard if the life of the mine is not extended.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
600	600.1		Mr. Jack Stoddard	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
600	600.2		Mr. Jack Stoddard	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
600	600.3		Mr. Jack Stoddard	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	GEN	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
600	600.4		Mr. Jack Stoddard	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted.	
600	600.5		Mr. Jack Stoddard	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
600	600.6		Mr. Jack Stoddard	Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
600	600.7		Mr. Jack Stoddard	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has greatly benefited from the Mine's contributions.	SOC	Comment noted.	
600	600.8		Mr. Jack Stoddard	TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
600	600.9		Mr. Jack Stoddard	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	SOC	Comment noted.	
601	601.1	Berry Electric, Inc.	Mr. Rex Berry	We need to keep jobs and tax bases in America and Custer County which includes mine supporting jobs such as contractors, local businesses, BLM, USFS, and many others.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
601	601.2	Berry Electric, Inc.	Mr. Rex Berry	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
601	601.3	Berry Electric, Inc.	Mr. Rex Berry	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
601	601.4	Berry Electric, Inc.	Mr. Rex Berry	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	SOC	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	

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602	602.1	Fremont County Commissioners	Bill Baxter	The mining industry is critical to the economy not only in the state but in the local communities such as Challis and Ashton.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
602	602.2	Fremont County Commissioners	Bill Baxter	I support the mine expansion as submitted by Thompson Creek - M2 and the land exchange submitted by Thompson Creek - L2.	GEN	Comment noted.	
602	602.3	Fremont County Commissioners	Bill Baxter	It seems to me that the smartest thing to do would be to retrieve the ore deposits containing moly that TCM has found because they already have all the processes and man power to do so. The demand for moly and the price of moly is always cyclical. Right now the price of moly is up to \$13.80. We should ride the cycle upswing and continue to mine.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
602	602.4	Fremont County Commissioners	Bill Baxter	We should make it as easy as possible for Thompson Creek because they have proven to be an exceptional company. I would like to encourage the BLM to accept both M2 and L2.	GEN	Comment noted.	
603	603.1	Golder Associates, Inc.	James Johnson	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
603	603.2	Golder Associates, Inc.	James Johnson	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
603	603.3	Golder Associates, Inc.	James Johnson	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	GEN	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
603	603.4	Golder Associates, Inc.	James Johnson	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
603	603.5	Golder Associates, Inc.	James Johnson	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	SOC	Comment noted.	
603	603.6	Golder Associates, Inc.	James Johnson	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	SOC	Comment noted.	
604	604.1	Golder Associates, Inc.	Jess Alexander	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
604	604.2	Golder Associates, Inc.	Jess Alexander	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
604	604.3	Golder Associates, Inc.	Jess Alexander	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
604	604.4	Golder Associates, Inc.	Jess Alexander	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	SOC	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
604	604.5	Golder Associates, Inc.	Jess Alexander	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group of citizens that has greatly benefited from the Mine's contributions.	SOC	Comment noted.	
605	605.1	Golder Associates, Inc.	Stephen Rogers	I have worked on many mine projects throughout the world and the TCM is one of the most efficient, clean, and organized operations that I have seen. All of the employees that I have met and committed to the resource and are conscientious of the impacts associated with the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
605	605.2	Golder Associates, Inc.	Stephen Rogers	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
605	605.3	Golder Associates, Inc.	Stephen Rogers	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
606	606.1		Jan Williams	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
606	606.2		Jan Williams	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
606	606.3		Jan Williams	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
606	606.4		Jan Williams	Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
606	606.5		Jan Williams	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	SOC	Comment noted.	
606	606.6		Jan Williams	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group that has greatly benefited from the Mine's contributions.	SOC	Comment noted.	
607	607.1		Darrell Meulemans	My son-in-law works for the TCM, and his income supports his family and the local economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
607	607.2		Darrell Meulemans	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	GEN	Comment noted.	
607	607.3		Darrell Meulemans	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted.	

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607	607.4		Darrell Meulemans	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
607	607.5		Darrell Meulemans	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
608	608.1		Mr. Gordon Boge	Please permit the expansion of the TCM into the new ore body. This continuation of mine operations will have a significant positive impact on Custer County!	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
608	608.2		Mr. Gordon Boge	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
608	608.3		Mr. Gordon Boge	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
608	608.4		Mr. Gordon Boge	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted.	
608	608.5		Mr. Gordon Boge	TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Comment noted.	
608	608.6		Mr. Gordon Boge	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Comment noted. Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
609	609.1	Pioneer Motel and RV Park	Donna de Grado	As a small business in Challis we need all the jobs we can get. We are asking you to give Thompson Creek Mining the needed expansion. It supports all of us and our infrastructure.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
609	609.2	Pioneer Motel and RV Park	Donna de Grado	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
609	609.3	Pioneer Motel and RV Park	Donna de Grado	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
609	609.4	Pioneer Motel and RV Park	Donna de Grado	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
609	609.5	Pioneer Motel and RV Park	Donna de Grado	TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
609	609.6	Pioneer Motel and RV Park	Donna de Grado	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	SOC	Comment noted.	
609	609.7	Pioneer Motel and RV Park	Donna de Grado	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	SOC	Comment noted.	
609	609.8	Pioneer Motel and RV Park	Donna de Grado	Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
610	610.1		Benny Cole	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
610	610.11		Benny Cole	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
610	610.21		Benny Cole	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
610	610.31		Benny Cole	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
610	610.41		Benny Cole	TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
610	610.51		Benny Cole	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	SOC	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
610	610.61		Benny Cole	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Comment noted. Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
610	610.71		Benny Cole	Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted.	
610	610.81		Benny Cole	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group of citizens that has greatly benefited from the Mine's contributions.	SOC	Comment noted.	

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610	610.91		Benny Cole	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
611	611.1		Bruce VanDyk	Mining is a great part of our business and not only affects Western States, but its employees and their families, their friends, and communities. We need these types of businesses in our states and communities to help local economies grow. It's businesses like TCMC that create new jobs and supply jobs to the surrounding areas.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
611	611.2		Bruce VanDyk	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
611	611.3		Bruce VanDyk	Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
612	612.1		Wayne Hunter	Our state has been directly affected by this mining facility and will yet be affected by their ability to employ personnel and other businesses with mining operations.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
612	612.2		Wayne Hunter	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group of citizens that has greatly benefited from the Mine's contributions to our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
612	612.3		Wayne Hunter	TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Comment noted.	
612	612.4		Wayne Hunter	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
612	612.5		Wayne Hunter	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	GEN	Comment noted.	
613	613.1		Derek Oliver	I support this proposal for Thompson Creek.	GEN	Comment noted.	
614	614.1		Juliane Hunter	I attended Challis High School, and I know first-hand the important influence that the presence of TCM has on the economy in Custer County and the areas surrounding it. Thompson Creek provides jobs to a large portion of people in Custer County, and many other jobs depend on the continuation of TCM. I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees another 10-15 years. TCM has also been a generous contributor to local schools, 4-H clubs, college students, and many other local organizations.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
615	615.1	Partner Steel Co., Inc.	Rick Eskelson	For most of our recent history, TCMC has been one of our top customers. Because of customers like Thompson Creek, we are able to help our community with monetary and material donations.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
615	615.2	Partner Steel Co., Inc.	Rick Eskelson	The commitment in which TCMC has to our environment is second to none. Their technology and research show how committed they are to protecting our land and rivers. TCMC's advanced restoration plans show their dedication to leaving the mine area cleaner and more in keeping the beauty and wildlife for future generations to enjoy. We at Partner Steel have realized over the many years of our relationship with the TCMC that their ethics are a key factor of their success. When they promise a clean, green plan, they will without reservation follow it. We at Partner Steel are strongly in favor of the BLM approving the TCMC's proposal to expand its mine and the environmental review conducted in the DEIS.	GEN	Comment noted.	
616	616.1		Mr. Paul Hoffmann	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
616	616.2		Mr. Paul Hoffmann	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
616	616.3		Mr. Paul Hoffmann	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	SOC	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
617	617.1		Mr. Steven Jones	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
617	617.2		Mr. Steven Jones	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
617	617.3		Mr. Steven Jones	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
617	617.4		Mr. Steven Jones	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
617	617.5		Mr. Steven Jones	Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted.	
617	617.6		Mr. Steven Jones	TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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617	617.7		Mr. Steven Jones	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	SOC	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
617	617.8		Mr. Steven Jones	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	SOC	Comment noted.	
618	618.1		Evelyn Strand	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
619	619.1		Neal and Karen Kendlehart	My wife and I have fortunate in being summer residents of Challis, Idaho for the past 10 years. During that time, we have come to enjoy and warm, caring, close-knit community of Challis, and the people who make it so. Many of these friends and acquaintances work at the TCM.	GEN	Comment noted.	
619	619.2		Neal and Karen Kendlehart	The community of Challis, as well as the entire of Custer County and, to a lesser degree, the state of Idaho, view the continuation of the TCM operation as a vital economic stalwart to the region. Thompson Creek is the major employer of Custer County. It's closure would inflict a terrible blow to these entities. The community of Challis would suffer the most. Schools, local businesses and organizations would feel the impact immediately. The loss of Thompson Creek would touch every member of the community. It would mean the retrenchment of teachers due to loss of pupils; huge losses of revenue within the community for doctors, dentists, and others employed in occupations ranging from babysitting and childcare, retail sales and services, banking, groceries and others. Those employed at Thompson Creek also contribute to the community through their membership in organizations such as firefighting and EMT services, fraternal organizations, parent-school partnerships, and others. TCM has always been an outstanding sponsor of local events, organizations and causes such as sponsoring local parades, school scholarships, the Custer County Fair, sports teams, and numerous more. Therefore, your decision concerning the future of Thompson Creek not only impacts the future of the mine and it's employees, but of the future of the entire community of Challis and the financial base of Custer County and to a lesser extent, the state of Idaho.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
620	620.1		Zak Miller	Our federal lands are for the public and as such should be available for public use.	GEN	BLM lands are multiple use; therefore, some uses are not compatible such as public access into lands leased by a mining facility. In the case of the land exchange, TCMC would still allow public access, with limitations, to the selected land should they acquire it.	
620	620.2		Zak Miller	The acquired lands in the swap would increase access by all the public and allow the citizens of this country to utilize these lands.	TRAN	There would be public access on the Garden Creek property and the Broken Wing Ranch. However, access on the ranch would be managed to protect agricultural use.	
620	620.3		Zak Miller	Our country's greatest resources are our natural ones. Allowing for the responsible harvest of our natural resources benefits all our country's citizens especially those who are the closest to its source.	GEN	The BLM mission is to allow for land productivity, including mining, while sustaining the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.	
620	620.4		Zak Miller	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
620	620.5		Zak Miller	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	GEN	Comment noted.	
620	620.6		Zak Miller	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
620	620.7		Zak Miller	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Comment noted. Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
621	621.1		Mr. Rex Miller	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
621	621.2		Mr. Rex Miller	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
621	621.3		Mr. Rex Miller	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	GEN	Comment noted.	
621	621.4		Mr. Rex Miller	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
621	621.5		Mr. Rex Miller	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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621	621.6		Mr. Rex Miller	Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted.	
621	621.7		Mr. Rex Miller	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	SOC	Comment noted.	
621	621.8		Mr. Rex Miller	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
621	621.9		Mr. Rex Miller	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group of citizens that has greatly benefited from the Mine's contributions to our community.	SOC	Comment noted.	
622	622.1		Sherry Kelley	It would be a huge hit to the economy if the mine were to close.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
622	622.2		Sherry Kelley	I strongly support the expansion of the Thompson Creek mine.	GEN	Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
622	622.3		Sherry Kelley	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
622	622.4		Sherry Kelley	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	GEN	Comment noted.	
622	622.5		Sherry Kelley	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted.	
622	622.6		Sherry Kelley	TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Comment noted.	
622	622.7		Sherry Kelley	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
623	623.1		Dr. Rod Evans	I have operated a veterinary practice in Challis for 41 years and have seen lots of cycles of the TCM in Custer County.	GEN	Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
623	623.2		Dr. Rod Evans	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
623	623.3		Dr. Rod Evans	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	GEN	Comment noted.	
623	623.4		Dr. Rod Evans	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted.	
623	623.5		Dr. Rod Evans	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	SOC	Comment noted.	
623	623.6		Dr. Rod Evans	Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
624	624.1		Mrs. Kathy Anderson	I have been a resident of southeast Idaho for most of my life. I understand the important role that mining has had in the state of Idaho for many years. It is a significant contribution to the state's economy, both from the products exported and the jobs it provides.	SOC	Comment noted.	
624	624.2		Mrs. Kathy Anderson	My nephew is an employee at the Thompson Creek mine. He has told me throughout the years of recognition the mine has received for its safety and for its environmental practices.	GEN	Comment noted.	
624	624.3		Mrs. Kathy Anderson	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
624	624.4		Mrs. Kathy Anderson	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
624	624.5		Mrs. Kathy Anderson	My nephew, along with the other employees at the mine want to keep their jobs. Please support economic growth in Idaho by supporting this legislation.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
625	625.1		Mr. Gerald Hanson	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
625	625.2		Mr. Gerald Hanson	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
625	625.3		Mr. Gerald Hanson	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
625	625.4		Mr. Gerald Hanson	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	GEN	Comment noted.	
625	625.5		Mr. Gerald Hanson	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
625	625.6		Mr. Gerald Hanson	Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
625	625.7		Mr. Gerald Hanson	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	SOC	Comment noted.	

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625	625.8		Mr. Gerald Hanson	TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
626	626.1	Custer County Farm Bureau	Rod Evans	I am writing on behalf of the Board of Directors and approximately 500 families that are members of Custer County Farm Bureau to offer my strong support to allowing expansion of the TCM and for the land exchange proposal for TCM located in Custer County. There is little impact the environment that would outweigh the many benefits with the facility remaining operational. The mining and reclamation practices at TCMC are among the best in the world and they are very responsible operators.	GEN	Comment noted.	
626	626.2	Custer County Farm Bureau	Rod Evans	Environmental impacts have been minimal and the resource is available and should be appropriately utilized since Thompson Creek is one of the few remaining molybdenum producing facilities in the US. The economic well being of this area would be devastated if this operation is not permitted to continue.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
626	626.3	Custer County Farm Bureau	Rod Evans	The land exchange proposed is a win-win benefit for the environment, public access, agricultural, and recreation. The benefits provided by TCMC are substantial and should not be jeopardized!	GEN	Comment noted.	
627	627.1		Mrs. Leona Clark	I worked for TCM for 18 years. A great place to work. TCMC has been a great asset to the whole community. I still have relatives working there and certainly hope they continue for a much longer time.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
627	627.2		Mrs. Leona Clark	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
627	627.3		Mrs. Leona Clark	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
627	627.4		Mrs. Leona Clark	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted.	
627	627.5		Mrs. Leona Clark	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	GEN	Comment noted.	
627	627.6		Mrs. Leona Clark	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
627	627.7		Mrs. Leona Clark	Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted.	
627	627.8		Mrs. Leona Clark	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	GEN	Comment noted. Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
627	627.9		Mrs. Leona Clark	TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
628	628.1	Lyon County, Nevada Board of County Commissioners	Virgil Arellano	Our western states, especially in rural counties, are suffering from chronic unemployment and lack of educational and training opportunities for long term sustainable future careers. With that said, I support the expansion of the TCM. Extending the life of the mine would maintain hundreds of local jobs and generate millions in community contributions as well as increase local and state tax revenues.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
628	628.2	Lyon County, Nevada Board of County Commissioners	Virgil Arellano	I have no doubts that TCM will continue to develop its molybdenum mine in an economical, technologically feasible, and safe manner, while maintaining responsible stewardship for the land as well as implementing sound conservation practices.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
628	628.3	Lyon County, Nevada Board of County Commissioners	Virgil Arellano	The opportunity to expand mine operations and extend the life of the mine with a minimal increase to the environmental footprint justifies and supports the significant positive impacts to this region.	GEN	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
628	628.4	Lyon County, Nevada Board of County Commissioners	Virgil Arellano	Last September of 2013, while in Washington D.C., I had the pleasure of meeting with Custer County Commissioner Lin Hintze. He conveyed to me the serious concerns and negative impacts his county would face with reduced operations of TCM. We can no longer sacrifice the well being of western rural communities, counties and states when natural resources are available for long term economic health and prosperity. TCM has demonstrated a well balanced and responsible approach to working with federal land management agencies and local stakeholders to protect and insure the long term viability and multiple uses of public lands for future generations.	GEN	Comment noted.	
628	628.5	Lyon County, Nevada Board of County Commissioners	Virgil Arellano	It is my understanding that in full operation, TCM could directly employ approximately 350 full time employees through 2025. Additionally TCM attributes 42% of the total wages paid in Custer County and provides excellent benefits, and training to its employees.	SOC	Comment noted.	
628	628.6	Lyon County, Nevada Board of County Commissioners	Virgil Arellano	There is also the exciting opportunity for the public to gain access to recreational and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to them.	LUR	There would be public access on the Garden Creek property and the Broken Wing Ranch. However, access on the ranch would be managed to protect agricultural use.	

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628	628.7	Lyon County, Nevada Board of County Commissioners	Virgil Arellano	The exchange/expansion would preserve visual qualities of the Salmon River corridor and surrounding public lands and prevent future residential development along this five-mile section of the river.	VIS	Effects to visual resources are described in Section 4.11.	
628	628.8	Lyon County, Nevada Board of County Commissioners	Virgil Arellano	At a time when water is a critical issue in the west, TCM exhibits the dedication and commitment to coordinate with federal agencies and local stakeholders to secure protection of wildlife habitat and headwater land, preservation of water qualities and enhancement of recreational opportunities. Given the substantial economic impact to Custer County, I respectfully ask that you grant the expansion for Thompson Creek Mining Company	GEN	Comment noted.	
629	629.1		Travis Maughan	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
629	629.2		Travis Maughan	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
630	630.1		Mrs. Lori Stone	I worked at the mine for 16 full time years + 2 years casual before I retired. We were able to raise our children and be able to stay in this magic area because of the mine. It is a very important part of this county. I would so like to see the mine to continue so other families may stay in this awesome area and be able to work close by. Also for Custer County to continue to thrive as in the past. If this mine goes down so many people living in Custer County besides the people working at the mine will lose their jobs. There would be no need for two grocery stores, as many teachers, county jobs, bars, gas stations, power and phone employees, restaurants, sub contractors and so on.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
630	630.2		Mrs. Lori Stone	Thompson Creek has put so much into the community besides income for families, taxes, donations, and helping families who needed firewood.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
630	630.3		Mrs. Lori Stone	Thompson Creek has always maintained high standards for the environment. Not only for the land, water, people and the animals. I have always loved watching the wild animals that roam around the mine site. These animals are in a safe haven and know it.	WLF	Hunting is not allowed on the mine site currently, and would not be allowed within a buffer around mine facilities. Hunting would be allowed on the selected land outside the buffer.	
630	630.4		Mrs. Lori Stone	I support the land exchange as it will help the mine to continue and people will keep their jobs.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
630	630.5		Mrs. Lori Stone	Thompson Creek has helped families to have a much higher standard of living in Idaho. So many people would have to leave this area and Idaho if the mine goes down.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
630	630.6		Mrs. Lori Stone	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
631	631.1		Mr. Rick Forestier	I own Rick Forestier Construction and my business depends on the people of Challis, Idaho. TCM is the largest employer of this community and it needs to stay.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
631	631.2		Mr. Rick Forestier	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
632	632.1		Dave Bates	I support the mine expansion because I know the company will continue to operate safely and protect the environment and I believe that the continued operation of TCM is in the best interest for the community of Challis and the entire state of Idaho.	GEN	Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
632	632.10		Dave Bates	Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
632	632.2		Dave Bates	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
632	632.3		Dave Bates	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted.	
632	632.4		Dave Bates	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	SOC	Comment noted.	
632	632.5		Dave Bates	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Comment noted. Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
632	632.6		Dave Bates	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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632	632.7		Dave Bates	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
632	632.8		Dave Bates	TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Comment noted.	
632	632.9		Dave Bates	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	GEN	Comment noted.	
633	633.1		Joseph Haskell	I would like to voice my support for the expansion of the Thompson Creek Molybdenum Mine (Phase 8) and the proposed land swap between TCMC and the BLM/Forest Service.	GEN	Comment noted.	
633	633.2		Joseph Haskell	Thompson Creek has been a vital part of the central Idaho economy and good steward of the Thompson Creek natural resources.	GEN	Comment noted.	
633	633.3		Joseph Haskell	10 to 15 years of additional mine life is good for the employees of TCMC as well as the communities in the Challis area. Mining provides good high paying jobs and their employees spend money in the Challis area. In addition the mine provides a good tax bas for communities in central Idaho.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
634	634.1		Lynn Pilkerton	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
634	634.2		Lynn Pilkerton	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	SOC	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
634	634.3		Lynn Pilkerton	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Comment noted. Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
634	634.4		Lynn Pilkerton	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
634	634.5		Lynn Pilkerton	TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Comment noted.	
634	634.6		Lynn Pilkerton	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	GEN	Comment noted.	
634	634.7		Lynn Pilkerton	Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
635	635.1		Tim Pilkerton	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
635	635.2		Tim Pilkerton	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	SOC	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
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635	635.4		Tim Pilkerton	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
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636	636.1		Eve Miller	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
636	636.2		Eve Miller	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
637	637.1		Trish Downton	I write this letter to express opposition to your plan to exchange Broken Wing Ranch for property adjacent to TCM. There are many reasons why this exchange is a bad idea, including highest and best use of land, Custer County tax base, and recent changes in ownership, management, and future operations of the mine.	GEN	There are benefits for both the BLM and TCMC if TCMC owned the BLM land proposed for expansion of the WRSFs. These are identified in Section 1.3 of the EIS.	

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637	637.2		Trish Downton	Broken Wing Ranch, comprised of 813 acres, is currently one of the most beautiful and productive ranches along the Salmon River. While your management alternatives vary between some cultivation and grazing to no agricultural use, my observations of other BLM acquisitions along the river notice that most do not remain in production, and thus revert to glorified weed patches. The Kilpatrick place, near Iron Creek in Lemhi County, is just one example. In Custer County, where already 96% of the land is federally owned, there is already an abundance of public access, even along the Salmon River, and all around Broken Wing Ranch. There is no need for more campgrounds, boat launch sites, or public access points. Furthermore, with the high turnover rate of BLM employees along with budgetary fluctuations determined by whimsical government administrations, oversight of the ranch and management or lack thereof, would be an additional burden on an agency that struggles with managing its' current responsibilities.	LUR	Comments noted. Under the agency-preferred land disposal alternative (Alternative L2), the ranch would be maintained as a working ranch with some management changes to accommodate recreation and be more protective of natural resources. The Idaho District RAC, Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation, and internal scoping identified the need for additional campgrounds, boat launches, and other public access along the Salmon River. The burdens to the finances/staff of the BLM are summarized in Section 4.13.2.	
637	637.3		Trish Downton	Custer County is comprised of 96% public land, the largest amount of any county in the state. That leaves only 4% of land available for private ownership. This is the land that produces the taxable base to keep the county able to provide things like roads, emergency services, law enforcement, and schools. These services cover not only those people who live and work here, but also the many travelers and tourists as well. One of my biggest concerns is the taxable value of the 5100 acres that will belong to the mine if this exchange occurs. Certainly this ground is either currently sagebrush steppe or forested. Once mined, there will be relatively zero value left to contribute to our tax base for the county. Also, we're talking about land that is a two hour drive from the nearest town, and way up in the mountains, so development isn't likely to occur there in future years either. Broken Wing Ranch, located on both sides of the Salmon River, however, is prime real estate, and if left as a working ranch or even as subdivided would always provide dependable tax base.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
637	637.4		Trish Downton	If open space is a desirable quality, there are groups like Natural Resources Conservation Service, The Nature Conservancy, or the locally administered Lemhi Land Trust, that are willing to work with landowners to achieve these goals and maintain the productivity of the ranch.	LUR	The Natural Resources Conservation Service was recently involved in several fish and wildlife habitat improvement projects on the ranch. The BLM would welcome any assistance these organizations could provide to the BLM or ranch operator consistent with the selected land disposal alternative.	
637	637.5		Trish Downton	Finally, BLM needs to seriously consider the changes in ownership and management of TCM since this exchange was first proposed. Just last year Thompson Creek reduced their work force by over one third. As a school board trustee, I know that the Challis District has lost about 7% of our students due to jobs reduced at the mine. Given the volatility of molybdenum prices along with competition from production in other countries, there is currently a huge amount of uncertainty with the expected life of TCM. Many indications from TCM management are that operations will cease within the next two years, and the site will revert to reclamation. Don't get me wrong, I fully support TCM and whatever their plans are to continue and/or expand their mining operations. TCM has been a valuable asset to our community since it began operations more than twenty years ago.	SOC	Comment noted. A discussion of land jurisdiction and tax effects is provided in Sections 4.12.2 and 4.13.2, respectively.	
637	637.6		Trish Downton	There are many mines that do not own the land that is mined, and I am certain there are ways for BLM to work with Thompson Creek without having to complete this land exchange that includes Broken Wing Ranch.	GEN	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
637	637.7		Trish Downton	Given the alternatives proposed in the EIS, I prefer Alternative #3. BLM should simply sell TCM the 5100 acres necessary for them to continue mining operations. With 96% of Custer County already under federal lands ownership, this is a small fraction of land and value, and would allow the mine the benefit of ownership while BLM would realize reduced management issues.	LAND	Acquisition of the Broken Wing Ranch by the US would result in Custer County not receiving \$2,000 to approximately \$8,000 in annual property taxes for the property. Transfer of the selected land from the US to TCMC would result in the county receiving approximately \$240 to \$25,000 in annual property taxes for the land (negligible effects).	
637	637.8		Trish Downton	Secondarily, I would support Alternative #1, no action. TCM can still continue and expand operations under this alternative. Mining is a justifiable use of public land, and while it may be more cumbersome to go through the necessary application and permitting process, can still be accomplished.	LAND	Comment noted.	
637	637.9		Trish Downton	Both Alternative #3 and Alternative #1 would allow TCM to expand and continue operations, yet preserve the valuable tax base and agricultural property that is Broken Wing Ranch. Custer County would benefit by sustained mine operations, yet not interrupt the stable agricultural tax base that has historically been the backbone of our economy.	LAND	The land exchange would have only negligible effects on the tax base of Custer County.	
638	638.1	Agrium	Alan Haslam	The proposed land exchange offers some unique opportunities with the acquisitions of the Garden Creek property and the Broken Wing Ranch.	GEN	Comment noted.	
638	638.2	Agrium	Alan Haslam	It is my understanding that Thompson Creek Mining Company requires the approval of the expansion of their existing mine in order to continue operations through approximately the year 2025. This would allow the continued employment of approximately 350 full-time employees through that period of time. My experience is that jobs in the mining sector typically compensate employees at a higher rate than many other jobs available in the State of Idaho. These jobs, located in the heart of the state, are of significant importance to the local area and to the economy of the state, in general.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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638	638.3	Agrium	Alan Haslam	The proposed land exchange offers some unique opportunities with the acquisitions of the Garden Creek property and the Broken Wing Ranch. As outlined in the project description, the Garden Creek property could be managed for a variety of purposes that would be beneficial to the public. The Broken Wing Ranch is a unique piece of property located along the Salmon River that would provide significant recreational opportunities for the public, if managed for those purposes. In short, the land exchange appears to benefit the public both through the acquisition of desirable lands for public use and by providing continued employment for hundreds of Central Idaho residents.	GEN	Comment noted.	
639	639.1	Cate Idaho Equipment Co.	Kent McGarry	Cate Idaho Equipment supplied equipment to TCM during the construction phase in the late 1970s and since the mine officially opened in 1981. Thompson Creek has and continues to be a very important customer for our operation.	GEN	Comment noted.	
639	639.2	Cate Idaho Equipment Co.	Kent McGarry	We support the efforts of TCMC to expand its scope of operation. The mine has a proven record of environmental stewardship and would continue to do so for the expansion. The infrastructure currently in place can accommodate the footprint expansion as volume of ore processed will not change, but, mine life will be extended.	GEN	Comment noted.	
639	639.3	Cate Idaho Equipment Co.	Kent McGarry	We feel as citizens of Idaho that we should extract, to the greatest extent possible, the Thompson Creek ore body thus continue providing jobs and contribute to the tax base of our area and state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
639	639.4	Cate Idaho Equipment Co.	Kent McGarry	Since our state is largely dominated by Federal government land ownership it is important for the various Federal agencies to cooperate in making resources of our State of Idaho available to its citizens.	GEN	The BLM mission is to allow for land productivity, including mining, while sustaining the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations.	
640	640.1		Becky McGowen	I fully agree and support the proposed mine expansion. I went on a tour mid January 2014. Very efficient, professional, clean operation.	GEN	Comment noted.	
640	640.2		Becky McGowen	No pollution, even as the haul trucks rolled by no bad smell or smoke, no fumes could even be seen or smelled.	ANC	Comment noted.	
640	640.3		Becky McGowen	As far as the land exchange, I would like to see it remain a working cattle ranch, if the BLM takes ownership.	LUR	The agency-preferred alternative, L2, would continue grazing on the ranch. Grazing would be excluded in riparian areas adjacent to the Salmon River for resource protection.	
641	641.1		Thomas McGowen	It makes a lot of sense to approve the TCM expansion. TCM has been good stewards of the land. They have worked closely with all environmental entities so far and I believe they will continue their great track record.	GEN	Comment noted.	
641	641.2		Thomas McGowen	On the economics side, we need this mine to help provide the community with some stability to allow those that live here with all the services that they have helped provide.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
641	641.3		Thomas McGowen	I agree with the land exchange to help TCMC in the near future and for the possibility of even extending the mine life for many years to come.	GEN	Comment noted.	
641	641.4		Thomas McGowen	Also, I think the ranch land in the exchange should be kept as a producing ranch. This provides a lot more grazing refuge for deer, elk, and antelope than letting it go back to a desert.	WLF	Comment noted.	
642	642.1		B. Robinson	The BLM should improve and expedite permitting for the proposed Thompson Creek mine land exchange and expansion.	GEN	Comment noted.	
642	642.2		B. Robinson	The mine is a valuable economic asset to central Idaho. The jobs provided by the mine are especially important during this time of poor job creation and lack of well paying jobs. Americans are great consumers of resources, and it is only right that Americans have the opportunity to have the living-wage jobs provided by the resource industries. A variety of forces have reduced the number of jobs provided by mining in the US. The Thompson Creek process is a chance for the BLM to assist in the creation of valuable jobs for the future.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
642	642.3		B. Robinson	Modern mining does not degrade the environment anything like it did generations ago. By its very nature mining, like most activities that we depend on, is not completely free of environmental impacts. I believe Thompson Creek Metals has demonstrated that it will operate responsibly. TCMC has taken the initiative to minimize their impacts. Hazards related to mining are recognized, and dealt with in the permitting procedures.	GEN	Comment noted.	
642	642.4		B. Robinson	The land exchange to give TCM the 5,000 acres is beneficial to the company, and to the public.	GEN	Comment noted.	
642	642.5		B. Robinson	Resources should be a cornerstone of Idaho's economy. Extending the life of the Thompson Creek mine will be very beneficial to workers trying to earn a living in central Idaho. In this time of high unemployment, and shortage of living-wage jobs, these mining jobs are especially valuable. I hope the BLM recognizes the opportunity to assist the local economy by approving the land exchange and permitting the mine expansion.	SOC	The BLM and partner agencies are working as quickly as possible while still meeting the requirements of the NEPA process.	
643	643.1		David James	I left Challis at 18 in search for work. That was in 1974. In 1981 Cyprus opened the door for the Challis economy. Now as Thompson Creek I came home in 2010 and then in 2012 had to move again. Retirement is close, but for most of Challis, will be a ghost town.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
644	644.1		Evelyn Strand	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in Phase 8- to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
644	644.2		Evelyn Strand	I have been a resident of Custer County for 45 years, and in those years I have witnessed the rise and fall of the population, the economy, and in my particular circumstances the enrollment in the Challis Schools. In my 29 years as a teacher in the School District 181 I have seen enrollment go up with the construction of the mine, go down with small layoffs, go up again with increased mine production, and down again with major slowdown of mining. In fact, the enrollment in the Challis School is lower now than when I began teaching in 1974. Our classes are smaller, our buildings are not as full, and our graduation rate is at an all-time low. My concern is that the Challis School District is withering away like many small, rural districts in Idaho. In the case of this district, our remote location does not allow the easy merger with another district. If TCM closes, what will happen?	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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644	644.3		Evelyn Strand	When TCM came to town in 1980, Challis was a small ranching and logging community and the largest employer in town was the United States Forest Service. There were 3 grocery stores that took turns being open on Sunday. There were no convenience stores or quick stops, and people regularly had to shop out of town for many supplies. With the mine came restaurants, stores, and opportunities for other small businesses. Challis became a thriving community with chances for people to make a good living. If TCM closes, what will happen?	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
644	644.4		Evelyn Strand	It has been wonderful and amazing through the years to welcome back to town former students, kids who grew up in Challis, who either moved away to find employment or who left to further their education and then returned to manage businesses, work at the mine, or perform other services to the community. It is always nice when people can live where they want to live because they have jobs and the means to support their families. I believe that the mine expansion is vital to the welfare and economy of Custer County. If we are to survive, jobs must be maintained, businesses must remain open, and our school enrollment must stabilize	SOC	Comment noted.	
645	645.1		Spencer Strand	My name is Spencer Strand. I am 72 years old and since I was 6 years, I have been a citizen of Custer County. During those 68 years in Custer County economically speaking, I have seen and experienced the good, the bad, and the ugly- just like the old Clint Eastwood movie. The bad times occurred during the first 30 plus years of my life because Custer County was one of the poorest counties in the nation. You went to school, graduated, and moved away. There were very few jobs unless your father owned a ranch, you worked for the Forest Service, the Fish and Game, the State Highway department or owned some small business. The good times came from 1980 to the present when the TCM was established- the community had jobs, people could afford to send their children to college, people could go into the grocery store and buy food with even money left over for entertainment. The community prospered. Now we are at a crossroads with a proposal of phase 8 of the mine continuation. If the mine is not allowed to continue operating, I fear that Custer County will experience the ugly. No further explanation is needed. I support the phase 8 expansion.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
645	645.2		Spencer Strand	While in college I read about Thomas Paine who wrote during the early years of this country. He wrote of his belief that the land should be taken away from the king and given to the people in private ownership. The colonists cheered him and made him into a hero. Then as time passed he rethought his philosophy and decided that this was not the way to go because he said that under private ownership the rich would wind up owning all the land and the common people would once again have no control and be excluded. They would be no better off than when the king owned all the land. The colonists turned on him, hated him and called him a traitor. I think, in fact, that when he died he was buried in an unmarked grave. He may have been correct in his beliefs because when I drive by privately owned lands, I see with little exception No Trespassing signs. Therefore, I think as Thomas Paine concluded that certain lands should be owned by all the people and managed on behalf of all the people by some other agency. Our federal government became that agency and the Bureau of Land Management and Forest Service were assigned those responsibilities. As you know, in Custer County with approximately 97% of our lands being controlled under this management plan, things seemed to work out quite well through the years. The key to the plan was a word that I no longer hear very often and that word is MULTIPLE USE. To me it means to use the lands in as many ways possible without destroying them- mining, jogging, grazing, hunting, fishing, hiking, etc. It also includes allowing access to all with consideration to the very young, the very old, the physically handicapped, and our wounded war veterans. In the past under the multiple use concept, the government protected the lands from extremists. On the one side you had those that wanted to exploit the lands for personal gain with no thought of protecting them or the environment. On the other hand you had those who believed the land should be used for no other purpose than total preservation -a place where people could go to listen to a wolf howl at the moon. I am opposed to both philosophies. The multiple use policy was opposed to both policies. TCM in cooperation with the federal government has been a good example of the utilization of multiple use.	GEN	Comment noted.	
645	645.3		Spencer Strand	Jobs have been the strength and beauty of any great society and of any nation from the beginning of time. Without jobs society crumbles and the lands will be raped. Since 1980 TCM has brought to Custer County vital employment. The children of our community had a choice whether to stay or to leave but there was that choice - before there was no choice. Under the agreement between the mine and the federal government for the last 30 years, jobs have been created and the environment has been protected.	SOC	Comment noted.	
645	645.4		Spencer Strand	Pollution - I've heard radical environmentalists say that a tailings pond dam failure because of an earthquake or 100 year flood could be catastrophic to the Salmon River. Those things are always a possibility, but I would counter with the thought that in all reality, I see a catastrophic event taking place each spring with Mother Nature's high water runoff, and it is repeated several times in the summer with cloudbursts. Mother Nature seems to handle these events. In conclusion, once again, I am 72 years old and I am out of the game of trying to make a living, but I truly support the young people who are endeavoring to have the same opportunities that I had when I was young. That opportunity can only be achieved as long as we have fair management by resource managers, and I hope that those managers will eliminate the radicalism of both the extreme preservationists and the reckless land abusers. In my opinion, and I hope and pray I am correct, the concept of multiple use will survive. As I write this I realize that not everyone in Custer County will comment because it is not very often that the comments that come from those who are most closely involved are considered. It seems that the thoughts and ideas of the citizens of this sparsely populated county often fall on deaf ears.	WTR	The WRSF ditches would be designed to handle a 500 year/24 hour storm event, except for the Buckskin slope ditch which would be designed for the 100 year/24 hour storm (but the Buckskin Slope floodplain would manage the 500 year/24 hour storm). The Bruno Creek channel across the TSF would have the capacity to pass approximately 230 cfs at bank-full conditions, which is greater than the 500 year/24 hour flood from the Bruno Creek watershed upstream of the TSF embankment.	
645	645.5		Spencer Strand	Therefore, please note that this long time citizen of Custer County fully supports Phase 8 of the TCM expansion in cooperation with the federal government utilizing the concept of multiple use.	GEN	Comment noted.	
646	646.1		Thomas Thurber	Since I moved to Yankee Fork in 1979 mining has been important to my life. I watched as Cyprus came in and developed a world class molybdenum mine. I saw the decline in the local economy when they shut down. I saw the increase when TCMC fired it back up. It's important to not only the local but state and US economy as well. It's a world class deposit, why not mine it?	GEN	Comment noted.	
646	646.2		Thomas Thurber	The county private land poor and the government has enough land to mismanage already, especially in Custer County.	GEN	If the selected land is transferred to TCMC under one of the land disposal action alternatives there would be a negligible increase in private land in Custer County.	
647	647.1	American Exploration and Mining	Laura Skaer	We believe Thompson Creek has proven itself with a high commitment to responsible mining, environmental stewardship and community support. We urge you to conclude the NEPA analysis in quick order as to allow uninterrupted operations at the TCM.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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647	647.2	American Exploration and Mining	Laura Skaer	Thompson Creek Mining Company has been a responsible mining operation since 1981. This expansion would come with a minimal increase to the environmental footprint of about 11%, while maintaining the mines significant economic impact to one of Idaho's most rural communities for an additional 10 years.	GEN	Comment noted.	
647	647.3	American Exploration and Mining	Laura Skaer	Thompson Creek continues to prove their environmental stewardship. They have won environmental awards and they surpass the rules and regulations set in place to protect the environment and their employees. Thompson Creek has proven to be a reliable company that has historically met the regulations for water quality standards.	GEN	Comment noted.	
647	647.4	American Exploration and Mining	Laura Skaer	Furthermore, we support the land exchange request (L2). Understanding this is a separate action, we encourage BLM to act immediately on this critically important piece of the mine expansion proposal.	GEN	Comment noted.	
647	647.5	American Exploration and Mining	Laura Skaer	The land exchange will allow BLM to consolidate management of the mine and surrounding lands. The public will gain access lands providing a greater multiple use, the agency may realize cost savings, and new areas will be preserved from development. The land exchange also will have minimal impact to the Custer County property tax base. A true "win-win" for the agency, wildlife and the public. Consideration of the land exchange should not justify any delay in the approval of the mine expansion.	GEN	Comments noted. Financial effects to the BLM and effects on taxes are described in Section 4.13.2.	
647	647.6	American Exploration and Mining	Laura Skaer	The Mine's significance to the economic well-being of central Idaho is difficult to overstate. The Mine currently has 240 full-time employees who receive excellent benefits and wages that are among the highest in the state. At full operation, the Mine has 400 full-time employees, and has for the past 10 years employed an average of 350 people. The average salary in 2013 (including overtime, bonuses and benefits) was about \$123,000 per job, more than double the county average. The Mine also generates substantial tax revenues, having contributed about \$120 million in state taxes and \$25 million in property tax in Custer County and statewide over the last 10 years. Thompson Creek accounts for more than 32% % of all property tax paid in Custer County. Central Idaho and Custer County have a long and rich mining history, dating back to the mid-1800's. A closure or reduction in workforce would prove to be devastating to the local economy and its residents. The BLM has a unique opportunity to stand up a rural economy by creating good paying, long term jobs in Custer County.	SOC	Comment noted.	
648	648.1	Idaho Mining Association	Jack Lyman	IMA supports TCM's proposal (Alternative M2) to expand the mine, and urges the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to move quickly in making a final decision approving Alternative M2, the Modified Mining Plan of Operations (MMPO) submitted by TCM. IMA also supports Alternative L2, the proposed land exchange between Thompson Creek Mining Company and the BLM, and encourages the BLM to amend the Challis Field Office Resource Management Plan as needed to implement the land exchange. In both cases, IMA urges the BLM to act expeditiously to finalize these two decisions. With regard to the proposed mine expansion, BLM's immediate action is required to allow TCM to operate beyond 2014.	GEN	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
648	648.2	Idaho Mining Association	Jack Lyman	This action is critical to the economic well-being of workers and their families, local communities, businesses and governments, as well as the State of Idaho.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
648	648.3	Idaho Mining Association	Jack Lyman	Mining is Idaho's oldest industry and for more than 150 years has been a driving force in the state's strong resource-based economy. This was true before statehood, and continues to be true today. Idaho's mining industry is one of Idaho's strongest fundamental industries and mining jobs are among the highest paid industrial or service employment in the state.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
648	648.4	Idaho Mining Association	Jack Lyman	The Idaho Mining Association can report significant economic contributions to Idaho according to research economist Steve Peterson (College of Business and Economics, University of Idaho). Peterson's analyses of the Idaho Mining Association member firms shows that in 2011 IMA member firms created \$1.97 billion in sales transactions including direct, indirect and induced impacts. This added \$1.025 billion to gross state product, created \$523.3 million in total payroll compensation, and created 8,793 jobs. For every 1 direct IMA job, an additional 1.83 jobs are created in the Idaho economy. This jobs multiplier is especially robust because of mining's high wages, deep backward linkages from IMA firms due to the products and services they purchase, and the high value of mine processing. Idaho Mining Association members contribute total direct payroll of \$267 million in 2011, and paid approximately \$5.14 million in direct local property taxes. The Idaho mining industry paid \$5.03 million in state royalties, rents and fees in 2011. TCM is an important part of Idaho's mining tradition and the molybdenum it produces contributes to the global reach of Idaho's economy. The economic impact of TCM is considerable, certainly to local communities and to Central Idaho, but also to the State of Idaho. Loss of TCM jobs would result in economic hardship for 240 workers and their families who now receive excellent benefits and wages that are among the highest in the state. When TCM is in full operation, the mine has 400 full-time employees, and has averaged 350 employees over the past 10 years. At \$123,000 per job, the average annual salary in 2013 (including overtime, bonuses and benefits) was more than double the county average.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
648	648.5	Idaho Mining Association	Jack Lyman	TCM generates considerable tax revenue, having contributed about \$120 million in state taxes and \$25 million in property tax in Custer County and statewide over the last 10 years. Thompson Creek accounts for more than 32% of all property tax paid in Custer County. In Custer County and the regional economy in 2013, TCM produced \$145 million in sales, \$98 million in gross regional product, \$33 million in total compensation and 383 jobs. Thompson Creek's total state-wide contribution was \$165 million to sales transactions, \$109 million to gross state product, \$47 million in total compensation and 522 jobs.	SOC	Comment noted.	
648	648.6	Idaho Mining Association	Jack Lyman	As is apparent from this analysis, the economic impact of TCM is critical to Central Idaho and to the State of Idaho. Workers and their families, businesses and local government all rely heavily on the mine and would be severely harmed if the mine does not expand beyond current operation to reach additional sources of molybdenum ore.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
648	648.7	Idaho Mining Association	Jack Lyman	TCM recently received the Idaho Association of Commerce and Industry's (IACI) 2014 Environmental Excellence Award. TCM was recognized for using innovative technology to reduce by 90% the dust blowing off the ore pile through the installation of a \$2.5 million wind fence. The wind fence is the first of its kind in North America to be used in mining, and has significantly improved air quality in the work environment.	GEN	Comment noted.	
648	648.8	Idaho Mining Association	Jack Lyman	The IACI award exemplifies TCM's strong commitment to environmental stewardship and its 30 year track record of best practices in managing the land and water within its operation. The company has a history of committing its resources to projects that protect public safety and the environment and has routinely gone the extra mile to exceed what is legally required. Like other IMA members, Thompson Creek operates in compliance with numerous federal and state environmental permits. These will continue to be in effect following approval of the mine expansion and land exchange. Environmental monitoring at TCM is routinely reported to the EPA and the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality, as well as a number of other regulatory bodies. TCM has shown itself to be a valuable member to Idaho's mining industry and to the Idaho Mining Association. TCM is an excellent representative of modern mining practices and the company is strongly committed to protecting the environment, providing excellent jobs and contributing to local communities.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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648	648.9	Idaho Mining Association	Jack Lyman	On behalf of the Idaho Mining Association, I appreciate BLM's attention to the TCM EIS and urge immediate approval of the mine expansion (Alternative M2-MMPO) and the land exchange (Alternative L2). BLM's timely decision can help TCM expand and keep Idaho miners working. Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on behalf of the IMA.	GEN	Comment noted.	
649	649.1	Idaho Governor's Office	C.L. "Butch" Otter	The State's comments support the BLM and Forest Service's preferred MMPO Alternative M2 and preferred land disposal Alternative L2. I am confident that these two alternatives represent the best solution for this region because they improve on the existing plan approved by the Idaho Department of Lands and L2 provides adequate and appropriate mitigation for the effects of M2.	GEN	Comment noted.	
649	649.2	Idaho Governor's Office	C.L. "Butch" Otter	The TCM is an important part of Idaho's way of life. TCM is committed to environmental stewardship and has a 30 year track record of best practices in managing land, water, and the environment in its operation. Further, the Mine is in compliance with numerous federal and state environmental permits.	GEN	Comment noted.	
649	649.3	Idaho Governor's Office	C.L. "Butch" Otter	TCM is crucial to the economic well-being of Idaho. The largest employer in Custer County, it currently has 240 full-time employees who receive excellent benefits and wages that are among the highest in the state. At full operation, TCM has 400 full time employees and over the past 10 years, employed an average of 350 people. Further, the Mine also generates significant tax revenues, contributing about \$120 million in state taxes and \$25 million in property tax in Custer County and statewide over the last 10 years. Thompson Creek accounts for more than 32% of all property tax paid in Custer County. Last year, TCM produced \$145 million in sales, \$98 million in gross regional product, \$33 million in total compensation and 383 jobs. Thompson Creek's total state-wide contribution was \$165 million to sales transactions, \$109 million to gross state product, \$47 million in total compensation and 522 jobs.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
649	649.4	Idaho Governor's Office	C.L. "Butch" Otter	I appreciate BLM's attention to this EIS and urge approval of the mine expansion (M2- MMPO) and the land exchange (Alternative L2) to ensure that the important operations at TCM remain uninterrupted.	GEN	Comment noted.	
650	650.1		Julie Markham	I believe the TCM has been very good 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 in the MMPO Alternative M2.	MMPO	Comment noted.	
650	650.2		Julie Markham	The TCM 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 or Squaw Creek stream corridors it is misleading and incorrect. 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 TCM 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. The mine currently operates fairly uninhibited. For the estimated 9 year predicted further life span of the TCM the requested MMPO Alternative M2 Expansion and current uninhibited use of the Thompson Creek stream corridor should be adequate compensation for our needs for minerals for this country. The TCM 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.	GEN	Comment noted. Analysis of the effects of the land disposal alternatives is provided in Chapters 4 and 5 of the EIS.	
650	650.3		Julie Markham	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 towards agricultural and livestock pasture use. The general public would have to naturally be kept out of this ranch for it to operate properly, therefore the use and value of this land would benefit primarily the lessee – 1 local family. But most of all, 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.	LUR	Comment noted. Effects to water resources and fish and aquatic resources are provided in Sections 3.6 and 3.8, respectively. The ranch would maintain agricultural uses, but a variety of public uses has been proposed (BLM 1999) as well as public access on the ranch and in Lyon Creek meadow (Section 2.2.2.2). The burdens to the finances/staff of the BLM are summarized in Section 4.13.2.	
650	650.4		Julie Markham	Ideally I would prefer MMPO Alternative M1 - No Action, since already there is the potential for serious irreparable harm to Thompson Creek if the waste rock storage headwalls in both Buckskin Creek and Pat Hughes Creek fail in a catastrophic earthquake or storm event.	MMPO	Extensive and detailed site-specific geotechnical analyses demonstrate stability under both static and dynamic conditions (i.e., seismic shaking) for the pit walls, the WRSFs, and the TSF (CNI 2011; Golder 2007, 2010; KP 2011a, 2011b, 2013; URS 2000; VTN 1980b). The facilities would be stable during even the maximum credible earthquake (de minimis risk of such an event) during both mining and post-reclamation. The No Name WRSF (Alternative M3) would be developed using the same fundamental design as that of the Pat Hughes and Buckskin WRSFs; therefore, the geotechnical issues (i.e., stability) of the No Name WRSF would be the same as those under Alternative M1 and Alternative M2.	

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650	650.5		Julie Markham	I am opposed to any transfer of public land to the TCM. 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. For the Land Disposal Alternatives I prefer Alternative L1 - No Action.	LAND	Under the FLPMA, the BLM must ensure that the selected and offered lands are of approximate equal value, and best serve the public interest as far as land management and resource values. The BLM believes that the preferred alternative, L2, meets these considerations.	
650	650.6		Julie Markham	I currently work with the BLM as a seasonal Biological Science Technician in Fisheries. These comments, on the proposed TCM expansion and land exchanges, are entirely my own personal concerns and in no way represent the opinions of the agency I work for. With my knowledge of Thompson Creek and Squaw Creek, through 20 years of work with USFS, BLM and IDFG in the upper Salmon watershed, as a Technician in Fisheries, and my Masters project entitled "Thompson Creek, Analysis of Aquatic Habitat Changes From 1993 to 2002, And Comparison To Natural Conditions", compared to my work visiting the Broken Wing Ranch, I do not believe any of the proposed exchange alternative are fair to the people of the United States. 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 Ranch including the Salmon River frontage along that ranch, and Lyon Creek which runs through the ranch.	LAND	A land exchange under the FLPMA must be made on the basis of equal fair market value, and not area. The effects to fisheries and aquatic resources are adequately evaluated in the EIS for all of the land disposal alternatives. In addition, the FLPMA requires the BLM to evaluate a land exchange in the overall public interest and considering a wide range of values in addition to fisheries resources, e.g., efficient Federal land management and the needs of lands for the economy, community expansion, recreation areas, food, fiber, minerals and wildlife. The fisheries values of Thompson and S. Creek are not comparable to Lyon Creek. However, the value of protecting several miles of the mainstem Salmon River from development is substantial. The BLM would be relinquishing several miles of DCH on Thompson and S. Creeks for a reduced length of DCH on Lyon Creek. These discrepancies would be offset by the conservation easement restrictions placed on the management and development of the Thompson and S. Creek drainages.	The BLM would retain protection of Thompson and S. Creeks via the conservation easement while gaining the management and restoration ability for 4 miles of the Salmon River and 1.5 miles of Lyon Creek.
650	650.7		Julie Markham	Thompson Creek is an approximately 12 mile long anadromous tributary to the Salmon River protected in its entirety from ½ 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 TCMs 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 man made 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 Cutthroat trout, Rainbow/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.	GEN	Comment noted. Further information regarding the Thompson Creek watershed and other watersheds in the project area can be found in Chapter 3. It should be noted that both Buckskin Creek and Pat Hughes Creek are highly altered and their flow controlled to an extent that they are not considered natural channels. Also see response to comment 650.6.	
650	650.8		Julie Markham	I am opposed to the proposed large transfer of public land to the east of the TCM 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 MMPO Alternative M2 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.	LAND	The Federal (selected) land was identified by TCMC to include the surface disturbance of the mine on BLM land in an area that could be reasonably identified on the ground and would not leave narrow strips or islands of land that would be difficult for the BLM to administer. The BLM is not allowed to give away BLM land, and must evaluate a land exchange proposal considering the meaningful effects to all of the affected elements of the human environment. Also see response to comment 650.6.	
650	650.9		Julie Markham	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 head gates 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 TCM, it is managed very close to natural conditions with use limited to pasture. The Squaw Creek watershed, riparian and aquatic ecosystems are intact and functioning and improving under current private and public management.	WTR	Comments noted. The background descriptions of S. Creek and the meaningful effects to S. Creek from the MMPO and land disposal alternatives are reasonably described in the EIS. Also see response to comment 650.6.	

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650	650.10		Julie Markham	The EIS states specifically that "no current intention to use any of the selected land for mining, including mineral exploration, apart from the activities identified in the MMPO alternatives...In addition, internal and public scoping and a mineral potential report (Gardner 2008) have not identified any mining activities that would reasonably be expected to occur on the selected land, apart from those identified in the MMPO alternatives." If this is so, why would we be considering giving away such incredibly valuable land and ESA listed Chinook salmon, Steelhead and Bull trout aquatic habitat to a mining company?	LAND	The BLM believes the exchange would be in the best interest of the public because the BLM would no longer need to manage land impacted by mining facilities and the US would be able to trade land that can't be multiple use (mining facilities) for land that can be multiple use. If TCMC acquired the selected land there would be conservation easement restrictions on Thompson Creek and S. Creek on the selected land.	
651	651.1	Challis Creek Cattle Co.	Stephen Bauchman	TCM has a significant social and economic impact on the community and the state of Idaho. TCMC represents approximately 60% of the total mining revenues within the state and consequently provides a significant socioeconomic impact to the Custer County. The approval of Phase 8 would extend the continued operation to 2025 and should be approved (M2 or M3).	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
651	651.1	Challis Creek Cattle Co.	Stephen Bauchman	The adoption of Land Exchange L2 (represented in figure 2.2.1) encompasses all of the area around the mine while providing a TCMC managed environmental buffer zone. This provides equal benefits to the government, public and TCMC. The government through the various regulatory agencies continues to oversee and jointly monitor any environmental impacts. The public experiences no major negative impacts to recreation, grazing, or other multiple uses while providing a 'buffer zone' minimizing the litigious agency management directed by activist extremist NGOs. TCMC achieves certainty for future operations of the mine into the future several decades.	LAND	Comment noted.	
651	651.2	Challis Creek Cattle Co.	Stephen Bauchman	NEPA requires that any action consider the social, cultural and economic impacts. As such the failure to approve the expansion would: Decrease production or closure of the mine and would have adverse effects on local, State, and national economies; decrease job opportunities and economic stability from decreased production or mine closure would adversely affect social conditions in local communities. The mine production affects the reliance of the US on foreign sources of molybdenum.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
651	651.3	Challis Creek Cattle Co.	Stephen Bauchman	TCMC has worked to address environmental concerns as represented by the land trade. The government should consider the alternative that will provide all of the ground surrounding the mine site in the exchange. This includes all of the previously disturbed area, plus an additional environmental buffer which will be managed and monitored at their expense.	LAND	Comment noted. All of the action alternatives include such land.	
651	651.4	Challis Creek Cattle Co.	Stephen Bauchman	Affects as a result of the mine expansion are minimal when compared to the economic benefits.	SOC	Comment noted.	
651	651.5	Challis Creek Cattle Co.	Stephen Bauchman	We do not provide an impression as to the viability of M2 versus M3, but believe that either of the two should be selected especially since all meet the requirements of NEPA while protecting natural resources.	GEN	Comment noted. The proposed land exchange meets the noted requirement of the Challis RMP.	
651	651.6	Challis Creek Cattle Co.	Stephen Bauchman	The proposed land exchange benefits the public at large by increasing recreational experience, providing grazing of cattle (Broken Wing Ranch, providing a conservation buffer zone, and sustaining the economic impact through 2025 to the state and county.	GEN	Comments noted. However, the BLM must evaluate the land exchange considering the meaningful effects to all of the affected elements of the human environment. The economic effects of the mine through approximately 2025 for the MMPO action alternatives would occur regardless of which land disposal alternative is selected.	
651	651.7	Challis Creek Cattle Co.	Stephen Bauchman	The proposed exchange meets all of the "specific objectives of the Challis RMP, e.g., "Seek to acquire additional lands having high public values, through land actions such as exchange..." (BLM 1999, p. 31).	PAN	Comment noted.	
651	651.8	Challis Creek Cattle Co.	Stephen Bauchman	The land exchange while differs greatly in size is of 'equal tax value', thus there is no net loss to Custer County tax roles, retains the exchanged property within its current use, grazing and increases the recreational opportunities to the general public by providing access to federal managed lands and river access.	GEN	Comment noted.	
651	651.9	Challis Creek Cattle Co.	Stephen Bauchman	The property exchange is in accordance with FLMPA and Taylor Grazing Act, however while the land offered may not be retained in agriculture production or grazing, the economic and cultural benefits outweigh this loss. With the expansion of the mines footprint there will be a minimal loss of access by the general public, but to a large extent this will only encompass areas previously disturbed for utility and transportation access, but allows the transfer of conservation buffer lands to be maintained by TCMC.	LAND	The land offered by TCMC (i.e.- the ranch and the Garden Creek parcel) would be managed for multiple use. The ranch would remain in agricultural production (irrigated hay production and grazing) as per the land management agreements. Land management agreements would also work to protect and preserve the natural resources and scenic values of the properties.	
652	652.1	Thompson Creek Mining Company	Bert Doughty	Thank you for providing me the opportunity to comment on the Thompson Creek draft EIS. I have over 35 years of environmental mining experience and I am very experienced dealing with environmental impacts from mining operations. I support both the proposed mine expansion and land exchange as there are no additional environmental impacts when comparing the no action alternative (M1) with TCM's proposed mine expansion alternative (M2).	GEN	Comment noted.	

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652	652.2	Thompson Creek Mining Company	Bert Doughty	Thank you for considering my comments and hopefully you can quickly conclude the NEPA analysis to allow TCM to continue operating in 2015.	GEN	Comment noted. The BLM and Forest Service are working as quickly as possible while still adhering to the requirements of NEPA, the "hard look" doctrine, and meaningful public participation. The agencies will be releasing RODs on the MMPO and land disposal in 2015.	
652	652.3	Thompson Creek Mining Company	Bert Doughty	The TCM mine has been in operation since 1983 and the current footprint is about 2800 acres. The proposed expansion or the preferred alternative (M2) will increase this footprint by about only 450 acres, occurring on both private and federal lands. The expansion footprint (M2) is minor when compared to the existing operation and the expansion could extend the life of the mine for 8-10 years with basically no additional environmental impacts when compared to the no action alternative (M1).	GEN	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
652	652.4	Thompson Creek Mining Company	Bert Doughty	The existing environmental impacts that were identified in the M1 alternative are the same environmental impacts that were identified in the M2 alternative, but M2 has significant economic benefits to the area for an additional 8-10 years if approved.	SOC	Comment noted. Although many of the environmental effects associated with the action alternatives would be the same as under the no action alternative (M1), there are some effects, such as the effects to wetlands and stream channels, that would be different under the action alternatives. A full analysis of the effects of the alternatives is provided in Chapters 4 and 5.	
652	652.5	Thompson Creek Mining Company	Bert Doughty	The major environmental issue identified in both the M1 and M2 alternatives is water management on a long term basis. Water must be collected from the drainage beneath the waste rock storage facilities and the tailings embankment for both alternatives. The water, in both instances, would be collected and routed to the open pit for neutralization and storage. Once the water level in the pit reaches the 7030 foot elevation the water will be treated in a water treatment facility and discharged to the environment. The water in the pit will be maintained at a neutral pH and will be kept below the 7030 elevation to keep the ground water flow gradient towards the pit. Under either alternative the water management process and environmental impacts will be the same.	WTR	Comment noted.	
652	652.6	Thompson Creek Mining Company	Bert Doughty	The other two areas where environmental impacts could be a concern to the public are water resources and fish and aquatic resources. Again, the impacts between alternatives M1 and M2 are either the same or nearly the same. The worst case scenarios for water quality in both the M1 and M2 alternatives assumes in-stream water quality standards being exceeded only during the worst case flow scenario (7Q10) in both Thompson and S Creeks. The in stream standards are exceeded only during extreme low flow events that occur infrequently with only minor short term effects.	WTR, FISH	Comment noted. The full analysis of effects to water resources and fish and aquatic resources is provided in Sections 4.6 and 4.8, respectively.	
652	652.7	Thompson Creek Mining Company	Bert Doughty	The same is true for groundwater. Cutoff walls will be installed prior to the end of Phase 7 so ground water impacts will be the same under in each alternative. The same story is true for impacts to fisheries and aquatics.	GEN	Comment noted.	
652	652.8	Thompson Creek Mining Company	Bert Doughty	Due to the nature of mining, unforeseen environmental impacts can occur. In the 28 years I have been employed in the environmental department for TCM, I have seen unpredictable environmental changes occur on the site. Some changes have been positive and others potentially negative, but in all negative instances the company has responded quickly to these occurrences preventing environmental damages from occurring. The comprehensive monitoring program is designed to predict environmental problems and give the company time to respond properly to the impacts. Environmental mitigation costs have never been questioned. Over the years TCM, on its own accord, has spent millions of dollars doing the right thing to protect the environment. The Thompson Creek pipeline, the wind fence, the water treatment plant and the pyrite flotation plant are just a few examples.	GEN	The BLM and Forest Service are working as quickly as possible while still adhering to the requirements of NEPA, the "hard look" doctrine, and meaningful public participation. The agencies will be releasing RODs on the MMPO and land disposal in 2015.	
652	652.9	Thompson Creek Mining Company	Bert Doughty	As for the land exchange, it is a win win situation for the public and TCMC. The Broken Wing ranch will provide the public exceptional recreational opportunities with 4.5 miles of river frontage and open up approximately 20,000 acres for additional recreation and hunting opportunities previously unavailable to them. The area will provide significant recreational value to the public. The alternative still allows the ranch to be operated as a working ranch that will provide an additional economic benefit to the area. TCMC will be able to consolidate management of the mine and surrounding land. The area has little recreational value as access to the area is currently controlled by TCMC. Only a portion of the area is currently accessible by hiking through extremely rugged terrain that lacks the high quality recreational values that the Broken Wing could provide. The land that is to be exchanged to TCMC is rugged, lacks roads for access, and has very few trails and no improved camp sites.	LUR	Comment noted. The land use and recreation opportunities of the selected and offered lands are provided in Section 3.12.	
652	653.10	Thompson Creek Mining Company	Bert Doughty	The amount of time, six years and dollars, \$5,000,000, that TCM has spent for preparation of the draft EIS seems quite excessive. In looking at the impact analysis and number of additional acres that will be disturbed, this project should have been completed at half cost and in half the time. This seems excessive when the no action alternative and the proposed alternative environmental impacts are no different.	GEN	The scope of a NEPA analysis is subject to change and is at the discretion of the cooperating agencies and guided by public resource concerns. The cost of the NEPA analysis is a function of the scope of the analysis.	
653	653.1	Monsanto, P4 Production, Inc.	Randy Vranes	I am aware that similar to Monsanto, Thompson Creek Mining provides many important, high paying jobs that provide significant contribution to Custer and other neighboring counties in central Idaho. I am an Idaho resident and have enjoyed the benefits of spending my career of over 30 years working in the minerals industry. My work associates and I have been able to live and enjoy this wonderful state of Idaho largely because we have made a good living associated with the minerals industry. Also I have been proud of being associated with one of the few industries that actually creates wealth from domestic natural resources. I am certainly supportive of the TCM and wish to provide my endorsement of their mine expansion and land exchange so that many other Idahoans can enjoy the high paying, quality jobs and important Molybdenum products made possible by the TCM.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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653	653.2	Monsanto, P4 Production, Inc.	Randy Vranes	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in "Phase 8" to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine. I also support the Land Exchange that will facilitate the mines operations in addition to providing access to many acres of public land that have been difficult to access in the past. Over the years I have been associated with employees of the TCM and know that they operate responsibly and maintain an excellent, operation that utilize state of the art, best management practices to protect and maintain the surrounding environment associated with their operation.	GEN	Comment noted.	
653	653.3	Monsanto, P4 Production, Inc.	Randy Vranes	I have first hand, personal experience in how difficult it is to permit a mining operation in this day and age. I believe BLM should utilize its authority to promote responsible multiple use actions as outlined in Section 302 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FPLMA).	GEN	BLM will act under the FLPMA.	
653	653.4	Monsanto, P4 Production, Inc.	Randy Vranes	FPLMA directs that management of the public lands "in a manner which recognizes the need for domestic sources of minerals" 43 U.S.C. 1701(11)-(12). In addition BLM's 2006 Energy and Non-Energy Mineral Policy emphasizes the importance of mining on public lands and endorses "multiple use" as a guiding principle for land use management. The policy states BLM land use planning and multiple use management decisions will recognize that, with few exceptions, mineral exploration and development can occur concurrently or sequentially with other resource uses and describes that the least restrictive stipulations that effectively accomplish the resource objectives or uses will be used.	GEN	Comment noted.	
653	653.5	Monsanto, P4 Production, Inc.	Randy Vranes	In addition it is hoped that the BLM will thoroughly consider the fact that minerals occupy an extremely small percentage of the available public lands and as such are located only where they are found. The occurrence of minerals cannot be moved or re-routed unlike many other potential land uses.	GEO	Comment noted. Some alternatives were considered but dismissed for this reason (Section 2.1.7).	
653	653.6	Monsanto, P4 Production, Inc.	Randy Vranes	For this reason as well as many others indicated in this letter please consider and approve the expansion in "Phase 8" as well as the proposed land exchange so that Thompson Creek Mining continue operations.	GEN	Comment noted.	
653	653.7	Monsanto, P4 Production, Inc.	Randy Vranes	These operations contribute to Idaho's economy by providing high paying jobs as well as an important tax base that supports local communities and associated infrastructure.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
654	654.1	Mile High Outfitters	Travis Bullock	I am an outfitter who operates on the land that is being proposed as part of the land exchange and expansion for TCM. The expansion will have very little impact on my business. The amount of impact will be very insignificant. As long as Thompson Creek continues to be good neighbors, this should not be a problem.	GEN	Comment noted.	
654	654.2	Mile High Outfitters	Travis Bullock	The land exchange, on the other hand, I have some major concerns with. I have been in contact with Thompson Creek at their public meeting and contacted Greg Hurless and talked with two other bosses at the mine and explained my situation. I have told them that I am willing to let the exchange go through as long as I can continue to keep hunting the property. To this date, I have still not heard back from anyone at Thompson Creek. Also, there would need to be a letter written to the Idaho Outfitters and Guides Licensing Board stating that this land would still be a part of my licensed area. Also, there would need to be ordinances placed on this land so that it could not be subdivided in the future. I would be willing to list TCM as an additional insured on my insurance policy so they will not be held liable by my clients or me. Thompson Creek had mentioned at their public meeting that they were thinking of having the Idaho Department of Fish and Game keep the land in their Access Yes program. In the past, Access Yes has not worked for the outfitting industry and I would not be in favor of having to go through this program to get permission to hunt land that is currently part of my license and permit. If Thompson Creek is unwilling to grant these requests, then I would not be in favor of the land exchange.	LUR	Comments noted. The DEIS was revised to provide more details about the use of the selected land by Mile High Outfitters under a BLM special recreation permit, and to note that the permit would be modified under the land disposal action alternatives if necessary to exclude the selected land for the land disposal action alternatives. The BLM has researched the Access Yes Program with the IDFG. Under all of the land disposal action alternatives, the BLM believes the outfitter would be able under the Access Yes Program to use all of the areas of the selected land currently used. That is, as a condition of title transfer, TCMC would provide a written agreement allowing public access (including State-licensed commercial outfitters) to the selected land as described in the EIS. In addition, the State no longer requires outfitters to be licensed to operate on private property.	
655	655.1		Jim Connor	The mine operated near Thompson Creek by the TCMC in Custer County, Idaho, has a number of benefits that affect the local area, the nation and the world economy.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
655	655.10		Jim Connor	M2 and M3: both options have appeal. I am not versed in mining engineering and cannot debate the merits and demerits of M2 and M3. I would support whichever one offers the least long term environmental risks or damage with a view to the cost to TCMC. TCMC should continue to be held to the highest standards of reclamation on an ongoing basis and when the mine does finally close down.	MMPO	The BLM weighs several elements when considering alternatives, including how well an alternative meets the purpose of and need for a project, and the environmental effects of each alternative. The BLM's preferred alternative for the MMPO is Alternative M2.	
655	655.11		Jim Connor	Certainly benefits would befall TCMC if impacted land near the mine were transferred to private ownership. Custer County would benefit if 5000+ acres went into the tax rolls. What taxes would be lost if Broken Wing ranch went off the tax rolls?	SOC	Comment noted.	
655	655.12		Jim Connor	How many more tax dollars would flow to the county if the ranch were subdivided into homes and condominiums? How sadly unfortunate it would be to lose 4.4 miles of scenic Salmon River frontage.	OS	Analyzing the effects of subdivision of the ranch is out of the scope of this analysis.	
655	655.13		Jim Connor	Certainly I would prefer to have the Broken Wing Ranch remain as a working ranch instead of reverting to sagebrush, as much as I admire the plant. Well managed ranches are scenic and appealing to most tourists. Given only alternatives L2 and L2-B, I would opt for the former. Would Custer County receive any revenue under either option?	LUR	Comment noted.	

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655	655.14		Jim Connor	It would be wonderful to have public access to 4.4 miles of scenic river frontage if restrictions weren't insufferable	LUR	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
655	655.24		Jim Connor	TCMC produces the ore molybdenite which is of high grade. This disulfide is used directly as a high pressure and high temperature lubricant suitable for conditions created in turbine engines such as those used in modern aircraft. The ore the TCMC mill produces is suitable for use as a lubricant without further refinement or processing. While this may not be unique, it is unusual in the mining industry. This saves considerable cost and reduces environmental impacts. The metal molybdenum, Mo, once won from the sulfide ore, has many applications in manufacturing. It is a critical metal for producing numerous alloys of modern steels. Piston rings made of Mo alloys used in internal combustion engines may outlast older, pre-1950s cast iron rings by five to ten times.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively. Section 3.13.1 presents TCMC's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
655	655.34		Jim Connor	TCMC has been an asset to the local economy since its startup during the 1980s. It has employed both local people and brought in outsiders who have assimilated with and become assets to the community	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
655	655.44		Jim Connor	TCMC set out from its beginning to be a model environmentally responsible mining operation. Through three decades of operation, it has lived up to its early promise; no environmental disasters have occurred at the mine site.	GEN	Tax effects associated with the exchange would be negligible. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
655	655.54		Jim Connor	TCMC has maintained high safety standards for its employees and the general public.	TRAN	Comment noted.	
655	655.64		Jim Connor	TCMC is a mighty important contributor to the local tax base in a county where the vast majority of the real estate is not taxable.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
655	655.74		Jim Connor	TCMC has donated tens of thousands of dollars to local organizations for the betterment of the community as a whole. I have been active in the Challis Arts' Council and Chipmunk Ski Hill organizations during past years. TMC had donated funds to both of them. The popular and nationally renowned Choral Rendezvous is another organization that has been aided financially by TCMC. These are only a few.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
655	655.84		Jim Connor	It would seem to be beneficial to TCMC and the local community if the local mine were able to operate more than the one year remaining under phase 7.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
655	655.94		Jim Connor	MI: I cannot support this option.	MMPO	Comment noted.	
656	656.1		Falma Cullinane	The mine operated near Thompson Creek by the TCMC in Custer County, Idaho, is an important asset to the local economy and culture of Custer County. In addition, the mine has a number of benefits that affect the nation and the world economy. Thompson Creek provides a vital mineral commodity that is critical for many industries.	SOC	Section 3.13.1 presents TCMC's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
656	656.10		Falma Cullinane	I support L2 because I believe that it will help protect the Salmon River corridor as well as provide access to public land.	LAND	Comment noted. Public access along 4-miles of the Salmon River on the ranch would be provided by the land exchange. Effects to the Salmon River and to public access under the land disposal alternatives are provided in Sections 4.6.2 and 4.16.2, respectively.	
656	656.11		Falma Cullinane	The Broken Wing Ranch should be maintained as a working ranch.	LUR	Uses of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5 and 3.2.1.2. Section 3.13.1 presents TCMC's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
656	656.21		Falma Cullinane	TCMC produces the ore molybdenite which is of high grade. Molybdenite is used directly as a high pressure and high temperature lubricant suitable for conditions created in turbine engines such as those used in modern aircraft. The ore the TCMC mill produces is suitable for use as a lubricant without further refinement or processing. While this may not be unique, it is unusual in the mining industry. This saves considerable cost and reduces environmental impacts.	GEN	Comment noted.	
656	656.31		Falma Cullinane	In addition, TCMC provides molybdenum which is further refined for important uses in the steel industry. For example moly based steel is non-corrosive and important in oil and gas industry and pipelines. It is a critical metal for producing numerous alloys of modern steels. TCMC has been an asset to the local economy since its startup during the 1980s. It has employed both local people and brought in outsiders who have assimilated with and become assets to the community.	GEN	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
656	656.41		Falma Cullinane	TCMC set out from its beginning to be a model environmentally responsible mining operation. The company has taken ownership of environmental responsibility. There have been no significant environmental impacts during 30 +years of operation. Thompson Creek has won a number of awards for environmental stewardship over the years.	GEN	Comment noted.	
656	656.51		Falma Cullinane	TCMC plays an important role in the local economy in that they are the major employer in the county and they contribute to the tax base. TCMC provides good-paying jobs with excellent benefits. Local businesses and services, such as the Challis Area Health Center, would suffer greatly if these jobs were to go away. In addition TCMC employees have always served as volunteers for local fire, EMT and search and rescue. Custer County has an abysmal tax base given that the county is approximately 97% owned by federal, state, tax exempt organizations. The taxes that TCMC pays go a long way to support the local infrastructure	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
656	656.61		Falma Cullinane	TCMC has been an exemplary community citizen. They have donated 100s of thousands of dollars to many local organizations and projects. They support the Challis Arts Council to bring the Missoula Children's Theater to the local elementary school. They provide firewood for low-income families. They have helped support the ski hill and golf course. It would be impossible to name all of the beneficiaries of their generosity.	SOC	Comment noted.	

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656	656.71		Falma Cullinane	For Custer County and even the State of Idaho, it is important that TCMC continue to operate. Their impact on local, state and even regional economy is significant. Their payroll contributes more than 40% of payroll in the county. They potentially would employ more than 300 people, which is a phenomenal impact in a county of about 4500 people.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
656	656.81		Falma Cullinane	MI: I cannot support this option.	MMPO	Comment noted.	
656	656.91		Falma Cullinane	M2 and M3: both options have appeal. I feel that Alternative M2 has more merit than M3 and recommend that be the selected alternative. I support which offers the least long term environmental risks or damage with a view to the cost to TCMC. TCMC should continue to be held to the highest standards of reclamation on an ongoing basis and when the mine does finally close down.	MMPO	The BLM weighs several elements when considering alternatives, including how well an alternative meets the purpose of and need for a project, and the environmental effects of each alternative. The BLM's preferred alternative for the MMPO is Alternative M2. The reclamation plan does represent the highest standards for reclamation given current technologies.	
657	657.1	Idaho Council on Industry and the Environment	John R. MacMillan	Molybdenum is used in many areas of our lives and contributes to a wide variety of important products and processes.	SOC	Uses of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5 and 3.2.1.2.	
657	657.2	Idaho Council on Industry and the Environment	John R. MacMillan	Thompson Creek has mined since 1983 and has an excellent environmental record. The expansion would extend existing facilities, constrain impacts to existing drainages while increasing its environmental footprint by only 11%.	GEN	Comment noted.	
657	657.3	Idaho Council on Industry and the Environment	John R. MacMillan	They will maintain their current significant economic impact in the region for 9 to 10 more years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
657	657.4	Idaho Council on Industry and the Environment	John R. MacMillan	In addition to the years of additional mining, the company has committed to 10-15 years of reclamation after the ore is removed.	RCL	Comment noted.	
657	657.5	Idaho Council on Industry and the Environment	John R. MacMillan	The price of moly is increasing and this proposed expansion will take advantage of that increased economic benefit while using equipment, facilities, process, and a work force that is already in place.	GEN	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
657	657.6	Idaho Council on Industry and the Environment	John R. MacMillan	Under M2, TCMC would...ensure that long term water quality is maintained.	WTR	Comment noted.	
657	657.7	Idaho Council on Industry and the Environment	John R. MacMillan	As with most land exchanges, the proposal in L2 is causing concern about the impacts on the local property tax base among the locals. The exchange will not have a significant impact on taxes collected because the value of the private piece and the federal land is similar.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
657	657.8	Idaho Council on Industry and the Environment	John R. MacMillan	The exchange would allow more efficient operations for TCMC and will add additional access to recreational and hunting opportunities. It would also prevent future development along this 5 mile section of the river.	LUR	Comment noted.	
658	658.1		Dorothy Malac	Business is needed.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
659	659.1		Jo Ann Malac	Our town needs this business to survive! We need jobs!	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
660	660.1	Idaho Farm Bureau Federation	Frank Priestly	On behalf of more than 70,000 Idaho families who are members of the Idaho Farm Bureau Federation, I am writing to offer strong support to allow expansion of pit limits and land exchange proposals for the TCM located in Custer County near Challis, Idaho.	GEN	Comment noted.	
660	660.2	Idaho Farm Bureau Federation	Frank Priestly	Our membership understands the significantly positive and beneficial impacts to the local, regional and state economy that the Thompson Creek mine creates. We understand the importance of the royalties paid reduce taxes and contribute to the infrastructure of Custer County and to local schools.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
660	660.3	Idaho Farm Bureau Federation	Frank Priestly	A large, if not all of our members benefit from the availability of molybdenum in the products that they purchase and depend upon daily. We support such basic materials and resources being produced locally and domestically. We see little impact to the environment that would outweigh the many benefits that come with this facility remaining operational and viable.	GEN	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
660	660.4	Idaho Farm Bureau Federation	Frank Priestly	Our membership is comfortable with the mining and reclamation practices that Thompson Creek is employing, and we believe based on their experience and history in the mining business that they are responsible operators.	GEN	Comment noted.	
660	660.5	Idaho Farm Bureau Federation	Frank Priestly	The Idaho Farm Bureau applauds the efforts of the BLM as you look for workable solutions to ensure the longevity and productivity of the Thompson Creek molybdenum operations in Custer County.	GEN	Comment noted.	
660	660.6	Idaho Farm Bureau Federation	Frank Priestly	The benefits being provided by Thompson Creek as one of the few remaining molybdenum producing facilities in the U.S. are substantial and should not be jeopardized. The land exchange that they are proposing is a win-win benefit for the environment, public access and recreation.	GEN	Comment noted.	
660	660.7	Idaho Farm Bureau Federation	Frank Priestly	I urge you to support and approve the modifications to the Thompson Creek operations.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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661	661.1	EPA Region 10, ETPA-088	Teena Reichgott	Because of the need for long term water quality treatment and a lack of specific financial assurance information in the document, EPA's policy is to assign an adverse rating. That said, we found the document to be very well written, and staff from our agencies have been working together cooperatively and productively.	NEPA	The BLM, Forest Service, IDL, and IDWR will continue to hold financial guarantees adequate to cover the cost of reclamation of the mine according to the reclamation plan (Section 4.13.4). The amounts of the financial guarantees are established by regulation and thus are administrative matters and not NEPA issues. For example, financial guarantees were programatically evaluated as part of the BLM rule-making process in the Surface Management Regulations for Locatable Mineral Operations FEIS released in October 2000. The FEIS evaluated a range of financial guarantee alternatives including no financial guarantees and worst-case financial guarantees. The ROD selected Alternative 3, which requires financial guarantees adequate to cover the costs as if the BLM were to contract with a third party to complete the reclamation according to the reclamation plan. Consequently, there is no NEPA decision space regarding the amounts of the financial guarantees – they are required by regulation to cover the cost of reclamation according to the reclamation plan. Accordingly, the amounts may be revised by the agencies without NEPA analysis.	For example, prior to completing the NEPA process for the MMPO, the agencies intend to administratively accept a modification to the current reclamation plan for Phase 7 long-term water management, and the BLM intends to obtain a financial guarantee for such to be held in a trust fund pursuant to 43 CFR 3809.522(c). The BLM intends to seek the assistance of the EPA during the administrative review of the updated reclamation cost estimate.
661	661.2	EPA Region 10, ETPA-088	Teena Reichgott	Water treatment in perpetuity has been identified as an integral component of the proposed action. We recommend that the Supplemental draft EIS provide an example of a binding agreement that would ensure implementation of post-closure water management and treatment tasks.	WTR	See response to Comment 661.1.	
661	661.3	EPA Region 10, ETPA-088	Teena Reichgott	The EPA completed the SI Report for TCMC in December 2013 and provided a copy for your consideration. The SI Report was conducted using a large amount of pre-existing data characterizing TCMC and its setting, collected by various mine operators and agencies over the past 30+ years to support a variety of objectives, including mine development, permitting and compliance activities, and three separate EISs. The SI is a standard part of the CERCLA process used primarily to determine whether further action at a particular site is warranted. The TCMC SI addressed the typical components of a CERCLA SI: analysis of site sources, pathways and targets (human and environmental), for the purpose of determining potential threats to human health and the environment, the potential for releases of hazardous substances to the environment, and the potential placement of the site on the National Priorities List. This SI added two key Sections not typically included: 1) an analysis of data gaps from a CERCLA perspective and 2) an analysis of potential release scenarios in the absence of long-term water treatment. EPA concluded in the SI that there is significant potential for major releases from the site to have major downstream impacts. Due to the volume of source material and potential for future releases, particularly in the absence of sufficient financial assurance for long-term water treatment, a significant potential threat to public health or the environment is posed by the TCM. The presence of significant (as defined in the SI section 3) concentrations of metals in the surface water bodies located within 15 miles downstream of the site (the Target Distance Limit), indicate that there have been and continue to be releases of hazardous constituents to the environment. These releases, coupled with the potential impacts to targets in these water bodies, create this significant potential threat. Potentially effected targets include the federal-listed threatened or endangered bull trout, Chinook salmon, sockeye salmon, and steelhead, as well as critical habitat for steelhead and bull trout, and the possible presence of wetlands. These potential impacts are largely due to the uncertainty of long-term water treatment because of a lack of financial assurance. For this reason, further action under CERCLA is recommended as a potential tool for the TCM site to ensure, at a minimum, the adequacy of financial assurance.	SOC	The BLM understands the EPA is acting administratively under the CERCLA in relation to the TCM according to the EPA Region 10 Mining Financial Assurance Strategy Memorandum dated January 16, 2009. However, the amounts of the financial guarantees for the mine are administrative matters of the BLM, Forest Service, IDL, and IDWR. Regardless, the BLM welcomes any assistance the EPA is able to provide the agencies in their reviews of the cost estimates for the reclamation of the mine, including long-term water management.	
661	661.4	EPA Region 10, ETPA-088	Teena Reichgott	The EPA has previously commented about the importance of including details for the adaptive management plan in the EIS. The EIS (Chapter 4, p 4-172) refers to an Adaptive Management Plan (Lorax, 2012b) that would be incorporated into the overall plan of operations for the facility. The adaptive management plan is a framework for how TCMC would address risks and uncertainties associated with protection of groundwater and interconnected surface water. We believe the Adaptive Management Plan is an integral component of the mitigation strategy for the project and should be described more explicitly in the final EIS. In addition, the final EIS should describe the process for revising and approving the plan prior to incorporation into the plan of operations.	MMPO	Comment noted. Further information regarding adaptive management was added for the FEIS in Section 2.1.1.9.	
661	661.5	EPA Region 10, ETPA-088	Teena Reichgott	We believe the Adaptive Ground Water Management plan is an effective way to plan and communicate strategies for monitoring and responding to impacts to ground water.	WTR	Comment noted. Further information regarding adaptive management was added for the FEIS in Section 2.1.1.9.	

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661	661.6	EPA Region 10, ETPA-088	Teena Reichgott	We appreciate the recent call that BLM coordinated to specifically discuss including adaptive management information and their consideration of EPA's suggested example table demonstrating the elements of adaptive management (resource, monitoring, trigger, action, responsible party). We understand that the BLM intends to include this level of information in the final EIS. With regard to summarizing the elements of the adaptive management plan, the EIS should include a table that describes the key components of the Adaptive Management Plan, including a statement of expectations, specific use of monitoring data, as well as specific parameters and monitoring frequency, action or trigger levels, resultant changes in operations, and the timing of follow-up actions. In addition, we recommend that, prior to approval, the plan be expanded in scope to address unanticipated, but reasonably foreseeable mine failure scenarios that can happen at a large, complex site such as TCMC, such as pipeline failures, spills, leaks, and slope failure. This type of plan would ensure that water quality and post-mining land use objectives can be achieved and sustained in the future, and would help avoid the types of problems that have occurred at other large, complex mine sites.	MMPO	Comment noted. Further information regarding adaptive management was added for the FEIS in Section 2.1.1.9.	
661	661.7	EPA Region 10, ETPA-088	Teena Reichgott	The draft EIS analyzed Alternatives L1 (No Action) through L5 for the proposed land exchange. The alternatives all include the same parcels suitable for disposal under the Federal Land Policy and Management Act; however the details of the alternatives differ. For instance, alternatives differ on aspects such as an exchange or a sale, area size, or inclusion of conservation easements on the BLM selected lands. The draft EIS identified L2 (land exchange with no provisions) as the Preferred Alternative. The EPA encourages the BLM to consider provisions similar to L5, which includes conservation easements.	LAND	Under Alternative L4 the selected land would be smaller than under the other land disposal alternatives. Conservation easements would be applied to Thompson Creek and S. Creek within the selected land under all action alternatives. The land exchange proposal (Alternative L2) is the proposed action, which does not include a general conservation easement. The general conservation easement in Alternative L5 would be a variation of Alternative L4, but would allow the US to acquire more offered land than under Alternative L4.	
661	661.8	EPA Region 10, ETPA-088	Teena Reichgott	The analysis area includes Thompson Creek- a tributary to the Salmon River. The Salmon River hosts a number of species listed under the Endangered Species Act (e.g., bull trout, Chinook salmon, steelhead, and sockeye) and is one of the most productive fisheries in the State of Idaho. In addition, most of these species also occur in Thompson Creek. We believe it is essential to ensure that riparian areas (similar to proposed conservation easements in L5) are conserved to protect beneficial uses.	FISH	Note that sockeye salmon have not been found in Thompson Creek or S. Creek, only in the Salmon River which it uses as a migratory corridor. Conservation easements would be placed on S. Creek and Thompson Creek under all of the land disposal action alternatives. Easements would not be placed on the Salmon River, but changes to grazing strategies along the Salmon River would reduce the impacts to the Salmon River riparian area.	
661	661.9	EPA Region 10, ETPA-088	Teena Reichgott	The final EIS should ensure that citations are available, and include an annotated summary table to assist in easily accessing the various documents related to water resources and the original data sources. Evaluating the results of water quality predictions is exceedingly difficult without the use of separate water resources technical reports by JBR that collated data from multiple Lorax reports.	WTR	The EIS states that further detail is available in the water resources technical report (JBR 2014g), and that report includes the references to the various Lorax reports that were used.	
661	661.10	EPA Region 10, ETPA-088	Teena Reichgott	We greatly appreciate the clarifications and additions to the Clean Water Act Section 404(b)(1) Analysis and Mitigation Plan (e.g., hydrology, plant community, aquatic resource functions). However, the level of detail provided in these two documents is not sufficient to determine compliance with the 404(b)(1) Guidelines- specifically Subpart J: Compensatory Mitigation for Losses of Aquatic Resources. In particular, a 1:4 mitigation ratio for impacts to headwater streams does not appear to comply with the Final Mitigation Rule, which states: "The amount of required compensatory mitigation must be, to the extent practicable, sufficient to replace lost aquatic resource functions. In cases where appropriate functional assessment methods or other suitable metrics are available, these methods should be used where practicable to determine how much compensatory mitigation is required. If a functional or conditional assessment or other suitable metric is not used, a minimum one-to-one acreage or linear foot compensation ratio must be used." The EPA acknowledges that Squaw Creek may serve as an appropriate location for permittee-responsible mitigation; however, it remains unclear how stream bank fencing and stabilization in livestock areas correlate to lost aquatic resource functions at the mine site. The EPA will continue to work with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to resolve issues related to compensatory mitigation through the 404 permitting process.	WET	The USACE believes that the proposed mitigation for wetlands and stream channels is adequate. The USACE believes the S. Creek mitigation covers the effects to lost wetland and stream channel functions initially and when reclamation of Bruno Creek occurs at the end of mine life the stream replacement will be adequate. The USACE will continue to work with the EPA through the permitting process.	
661	661.11	EPA Region 10, ETPA-088	Teena Reichgott	The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency has reviewed the draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and Resource Management Plan Amendment for the Proposed Modification to the TCM Plan of Operations, Section 404 Clean Water Act Permit Application, and Public Land Disposal, Custer and Bannock Counties, Idaho. Our review and comments are provided in accordance with our responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act, the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA Implementation Regulations at 40 CFR 1500-1508, and our review authority under Section 309 of the Clean Air Act.	NEPA	Comment noted.	
661	661.12	EPA Region 10, ETPA-088	Teena Reichgott	The EPA appreciates the opportunity to review the draft EIS for the Phase 8 mine expansion, extending the life of the mine for an additional 10 to 15 years. In our role as a cooperating agency, we provided comments to the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) on preliminary versions of this document and appreciate the changes BLM has made, such as including enhancements to environmental controls and mitigation measures in the current reclamation plan. More importantly, the action alternatives include a plan for management of contaminated water in perpetuity, and a framework for an adaptive management plan to respond to risks and uncertainties regarding site conditions that may impact groundwater, as well as interconnected surface water improvements. In addition, the draft EIS clarifies BLM's commitment to secure adequate financial assurance prior to approving the land exchange, using a mechanism similar to one the BLM would normally require on lands under their management, although a sample agreement has not yet been developed.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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661	661.13	EPA Region 10, ETPA-088	Teena Reichgott	The draft EIS does not provide detailed information on funds that would be made available post closure to treat the resulting mine-influenced water in perpetuity. The EPA's independent estimate of financial assurance needed for long term water quality treatment, maintenance and operation for Phase 8, using a scenario for an unplanned closure, could be up to \$77.8 million (copy enclosed). However, the existing trust fund to cover earlier mine operations is \$42.3 million and covers only reclamation, not post closure operations and water quality treatment. The EPA also completed a CERCLA Site Inspection (SI) Report in December, 2013, and provided copies to BLM, the State, the Thompson Creek Mining Company (TCMC), and other cooperating agencies (copy enclosed). The EPA concluded in the SI report that there is a significant potential for major releases from the site, with the potential for adverse downstream impacts based on the presence of elevated concentrations of metals in the surface water bodies located within 15 miles downstream of the site. These potential impacts are largely due to the uncertainty of long-term water treatment and a lack of financial assurance. Based on the level of environmental risk, the EPA strongly recommends that BLM determine and disclose the amount of financial assurance that will be required. This information should be provided in a Supplemental Draft EIS.	SOC	See response to Comment 661.1. A supplemental EIS is not anticipated at this time.	
661	661.14	EPA Region 10, ETPA-088	Teena Reichgott	For the reasons discussed above, the EPA is rating the draft EIS as "3-Inadequate" (an explanation of our rating system is enclosed). The EPA would like to continue our discussions with you so that we can develop a path forward. Attached are detailed comments on these specific issues for your consideration. We are committed to continuing our discussions to resolve the issues identified in our comments.	NEPA	Comment noted. EPA comments are included in this analysis.	
661	661.15	EPA Region 10, ETPA-088	Teena Reichgott	We appreciate the time and effort that you and your staff have devoted to discussing, with the EPA, the important larger issues of financial assurance for mining on federal lands. We look forward to continuing the national interagency dialogue on this subject to seek resolution between our agencies on this issue. In the meantime, the EPA continues to believe that the adequacy of financial assurance is a critical element to be disclosed during the NEPA process.	SOC	See response to Comment 661.1	
661	661.16	EPA Region 10, ETPA-088	Teena Reichgott	Hardrock mines without appropriate financial assurance can pose significant risks to human health and the environment, and financial risk to responsible parties and the public if cleanup of the mine site becomes necessary. The EPA has stressed the importance of establishing and disclosing the details of financial assurance for reclamation and long-term water management over the last decade at the TCM site. The draft EIS provides general information about the process to establish financial assurance. We appreciate the mention of the EPA's independent estimate, which calculated a gap in the current bond ranging approximately from \$25 million to \$78 million, depending on the discounted rate of return. However, detailed information about funding for long-term water management/treatment is not included in the draft EIS. Therefore, without this information the EPA cannot determine whether water management and source control will be adequate to protect beneficial uses and habitat. The most stringent parameters and metals criteria are for the protection of cold water aquatic life and salmonid spawning. In addition, the Salmon River in the analysis area is designated as a domestic water supply. The draft EIS states that active water treatment is required to meet applicable laws and regulations. Therefore, water quality standards violations would occur without treatment.	SOC	See response to Comment 661.1.	
661	661.17	EPA Region 10, ETPA-088	Teena Reichgott	We understand that the BLM intends to begin updating the current financial guarantee (Phase 7 mine plan) to include long-term water treatment with the goal of finalizing the process prior to release of the final EIS. We would encourage the BLM to initiate this process promptly, particularly since the need for long-term water treatment currently exists, and a guarantee should be in place if the mine undergoes unplanned, early closure.	SOC	Comment noted. See response to Comment 661.1.	
661	661.18	EPA Region 10, ETPA-088	Teena Reichgott	Section 4-134 of the draft EIS describes BLM's commitment to condition the Record of Decision on the establishment of an irrevocable trust fund or similar mechanism per 43 CFR 3809.552(c) for long-term requirements between the TCMC and the Idaho Department of Lands. However, the pertinent details regarding this arrangement are currently unknown. While a legal agreement may be developed, the EPA is not aware of any State authority to require financial assurance for water treatment.	SOC	See response to Comment 661.1.	
662	662.1	Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game	Virgil Moore	Idaho Department of Fish and Game (IDFG) has a long-term record of providing technical information and recommendations to decision authorities for the operation and development of TCM. Most recently, IDFG has reviewed the phase 8 proposals for mine expansion as well as land trade development including the Broken Wing ranch and associated properties. IDFG regional staff submitted letters regarding this phase 8 and trade proposal beginning as early as December 2008. IDFG staff has participated in work groups defining potential land exchange properties and the management guidelines for these properties. IDFG staff has also been a member of the Bureau of Land Management's Resource Advisory Committee thereby cooperating in oversight of the process throughout the last seven years. We are familiar with evolution of the current proposal.	GEN	Comment noted.	
662	662.2	Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game	Virgil Moore	Stewardship of the properties identified as the Broken Wing Ranch (hereafter L2) would benefit from BLM ownership as public land. BLM management standards and practices would benefit many important species of fish, wildlife, and their habitats. Public access to fish, wildlife, and recreation along the Salmon River would also benefit from L2.	LAND	These effects are adequately described in the EIS.	

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662	662.3	Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game	Virgil Moore	The following groups of wildlife and their habitats would benefit from acquisition by BLM and subsequent management as described in L2 and as proposed by the BLM Idaho Falls District RAC. Please refer to our letter from December 2008 (attached) which provides more specific land management recommendations. Habitats: Four primary habitat types occur on the Broken Wing ranch: arable lands, southern xeric shrubland and steppe (sagebrush steppe), canyon/rockland, and riparian woodland, including the open water of the Salmon River. Fish species: The Squaw Creek watershed supports habitat for a number of key salmonid fish species including resident and anadromous forms. Along with all other waters of the Salmon River drainage, these watersheds have been designated as critical habitat for Snake River spring/summer Chinook salmon. Game species: Mule deer and elk use the Broken Wing Ranch as part of their winter range. The aspen stand along Lyon Creek is a very important component of deer and elk habitat. Aspen is used year-round as a preferred food source and during the spring for fawning and calving. Ranch management that eliminates or minimizes livestock browsing of aspen suckers would allow the aspen stand to rejuvenate and allow a greater diversity of understory vegetation to grow, both of which will benefit deer and elk. Pronghorn may use the sagebrush steppe component of Broken Wing Ranch during the winter or periods of migration. Management of intact, unfragmented sagebrush habitat with minimal fencing would be most beneficial to pronghorn. The sagebrush-steppe communities on the ranch appear to contain suitable habitat for sage grouse. Managing the sagebrush-steppe habitat components of Broken Wing Ranch to preserve unfragmented habitat will benefit sage grouse. Non-game species: Several avian Species of Greatest Conservation Need (SGCN) are associated with the riparian woodland habitat on or in the vicinity of Broken Wing Ranch. Sandhill crane, long-billed curlew, and short-eared owl are avian SGCN species expected to occur in the open grasslands, wetlands, river banks, and pastures/hayfields of Broken Wing Ranch. Four species of bats classified as SGCN may occur on or in the vicinity of the Broken Wing Ranch (California myotis, fringed myotis, spotted bat, and Townsend's big-eared bat). Notably, Broken Wing Ranch connects two critical habitat attributes: day/night roosting areas with riparian feeding sites.	WLF	Comment noted.	
662	662.4	Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game	Virgil Moore	IDFG re commends these modifications to L2 (or the selected "offered lands" mitigation package) in the final Record of Decision. IDFG believes adoption of these into L2 would adequately fulfill mitigation for losses of fish, wildlife, and habitats as described in alternative M2. Administrative concerns: Please include IDFG in administrative access clause regarding bridge and property (page 2-72, section 2.2.2.2). Regarding "Management for Big Game Including Provisions for Public Access" (page 2-86, section 2.2.7). IDFG is not able to guarantee BLM entry into the Access Yes program. Therefore please modify the wording of bullet 4 to read: TCMC would pursue a donated Access Yes agreement through the IDFG Access Yes Program to allow hunter/angler access with the following exceptions...(as stated)... for safety. Terrestrial resources: We recommend inclusion of clauses intended to: (1) form partnerships in order to fence areas with recognized habitat value, (2) develop a riparian management plan with the objective of achieving proper functioning condition of all cottonwood galleries along the Main Salmon River and the Lyon Creek (BWR-1) parcel, and (3) provide for an aggressive weed eradication program in lands acquired. Aquatic Resources: The proposed action (M2) in the Thompson Creek drainage would impact the three ESA-listed salmon species as well as resident and fluvial Westslope Cutthroat Trout. Thompson Creek is not as flow limited as other tributaries in this reach of the upper Salmon River and is a reliable source of habitat for these species. The current mitigation proposal (L2) identifies beneficial effects to aquatic habitat in Lyon Creek and the Salmon River. From a fisheries perspective however, Thompson and Squaw Creeks are significantly larger watersheds with greater species richness, production capacity, and potential for benefits to the overall upper Salmon River than is Lyon Creek. To fully mitigate for the negative effects of heavy metal leaching and sedimentation into Thompson Creek expected with mine expansion, management actions which provide for a functional year-round connection between Squaw Creek and the Salmon River, as well as improved riparian habitat conditions in lower Squaw Creek would be appropriate mitigation actions. IDFG recommends development of a proposal to achieve these and include them in L2. We offer our technical services to TCMC and BLM toward achieving the (1) guaranteed flow/connectivity and (2) improved riparian condition goals as additional mitigation components of any land trade alternative enacted.	LAND	Comments noted. The DEIS was revised to note that the BLM will pursue administrative access to the Lyon Creek Bridge for the BLM and State agencies. If administrative access to the bridge cannot be obtained for State agencies, the agencies would still have access to the ranch via the public access route. In addition, the BLM would grant State agencies administrative access to the ranch (e.g., use of motorized vehicles on Lyon Creek Road). The text regarding the Access Yes program was modified per comment. A general ranch management section was added to Section 2.2.2.2. to explicitly allow for the actions noted in the comments for terrestrial resources. The BLM explored off-site mitigation for S. Creek with TCMC. The company is open to an agreement in which some of the water rights TCMC owns for S. Creek would be converted to improve the year-round flow of the stream, if agreements could be reached with the owners of downstream diversions that have greater potential to dewater S. Creek during low flows, e.g., the water rights owned by TCMC for S. Creek are used only during high flow.	Given the complexity of negotiating the agreements and the lack of BLM jurisdiction in the matter, such agreements were deemed outside the scope of the project (JBR 2011). However, the BLM would be willing to work with the IDFG and TCMC to establish such agreements in the future.
662	662.5	Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game	Virgil Moore	IDFG staff will be available to assist you with any technical support requested. Funding opportunities exist through the IDFG Habitat Improvement Program, Fisheries Habitat Program, Salmon and Steelhead Fishing and Boating Account and various federal, state and private grant programs.	GEN	Comment noted. The BLM appreciates such support, and would anticipate requesting funding through IDFG programs, as well as other sources, for some of the ranch improvements with benefits to fish and wildlife.	

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662	662.6	Idaho Dept. of Fish and Game	Virgil Moore	IDFG has participated, at many levels, in the development of a viable mine expansion alternative including the development of a land trade to make a suitable mitigation package for mine expansion. We feel that Thompson Creek LLC, the BLM, and associated parties have provided a mitigation alternative which, with minor modifications as recommended, would result in overall benefits to the fish and wildlife resources that we manage in trust for the public. With the modifications given above, IDFG believes that L2 would be an adequate and appropriate mitigation regarding fish and wildlife resources for the effects of M2. We remain committed to technically serving in development and direction for management of the Broken Wing Ranch properties <u>should they become public property.</u>	GEN	Comment noted.	
664	664.1	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We have a long history of involvement in the TCM DEIS. Our members use the surrounding and downstream areas for hiking, hunting, fishing, camping, boating, botanizing and enjoy touring the area. We have toured the project site several times on the ground, flown over it, and toured the Broken Wing Ranch as well. We appreciate the TCM Company and the BLM for having hosted us on the site visits.	GEN	Comment noted.	
664	664.2	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	Alternatives related to AMD and metals As one of the driving issues, the BLM should show how water quality issues such as acid mine drainage and exceedances of metals can be better addressed through additional alternatives. We are particularly concerned about the potential for exceedances in selenium, copper and cadmium which may adversely affect listed fish species such as Snake River steelhead and Chinook salmon. While individual exceedance events may be temporary, they are likely to reoccur again and again in perpetuity and perhaps worsen in intensity. We believe that a reinvestigation of caps, covers, liners, water diversions and interception/pumpback stations is warranted.	ALT	No exceedances of State WQs are reasonably foreseeable for any of the MMPO alternatives. The exceedances noted in the EIS would be only for the highly conservative scenario, and would not be allowed to persist. The highly conservative (upper estimate) scenario is provided to fully disclose the risks to water resources, rather than present the reasonably foreseeable effects of the best estimate scenario. The DEIS was revised to provide more details about the adaptive management for water resources, which could include additional groundwater cutoff walls and pump stations. Caps of the WRSFs and TSF were considered but not evaluated in detail because such mitigation is moot given the proposed long-term water management plan, i.e., active water treatment.	
664	664.3	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We wish to emphasize the value of all the streams in the area as critical habitat for listed fish species, and in particular for the Salmon River which is designated as a domestic water supply. The Salmon River is also the longest undammed river in the lower 48 states, provides critical habitat for listed fish species and has intrinsic value in and of itself. We note that the stretch of the Salmon River between Thompson Creek and S. Creek is 303(d) listed due to sedimentation/siltation and water temperature. It is unclear whether a TMDL has been established for this segment of river. If not, the BLM cannot allow additional contaminants in the form of elevated water temperature and sediment. We note that all action alternatives contribute to additional sediment in streams, in potential violation of the Clean Water Act. As such, additional design features or alternatives are needed to prevent further degradation. Thompson Creek, S. Creek, and the Salmon River are Tier II streams which are not necessarily available for additional pollutant loads. We point out that M1, M2 and M3 all have the potential to increase pollutants (even in relatively isolated incidents) in the form of metals, sediment or temperature over the short or long term and thus are in potential violation of Idaho's antidegradation policy as no public review of the social and economic tradeoffs has been conducted.	WTR	The EIS disclosed the 303(d) listing for all project area streams, including the listings noted by the commenter. The IDEQ, when determining NPDES permit limits, would take into account the current 303(d) status of the receiving waters, the nature of the discharges (including their sediment and temperature characteristics), and mixing zones as appropriate, when setting such limits to ensure that all water quality standards, including antidegradation rules, will be met. As noted by the commenter, public review of the social and economic tradeoffs are a part of the analysis that will be conducted during that time. It is not appropriate for the BLM to take over IDEQ's responsibilities in this matter.	
664	664.4	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	While the water quality of Thompson Creek and S. Creek may meet numeric WQs, certain flow conditions would result in spikes in copper, cadmium levels or sediment which would result in a degradation of the resource under IDEQ regulations (EIS, p. 4-40, 4-42). The required Salmon River mixing zone ratio for NPDES Outfall 005 may not be met during certain low flow periods (EIS, p. 4-46), in violation of the NPDES permit. Although the EIS states that "isolated instances of instream water quality exceeding a numeric WQS, in and of themselves, may not be considered a violation of State law" (EIS, p. 4-42), the information presented in the EIS demonstrates a consistent pattern of predicted violations of Idaho's antidegradation law that is projected to continue beyond the foreseeable future. For example, with regard to S. Creek, "[c]oncentrations would be greater than the threshold for all years 6+ scenarios" for metals such as copper and cadmium at low flows and high flows under both idealized conditions. We point out that years 6+ are projected to continue beyond the foreseeable future. While the EIS states that discharges into Thompson Creek would "typically comply with all NPDES permit requirements," modeling shows that "there could be occasional permit limit exceedances at these outfalls during spring runoff" (EIS, p. 4-68). As another example, the EIS states that Alternative M2 may lead to slight increases in concentrations of constituents in the Salmon River compared to Alternative M1 but would still meet WQs (EIS p. 4-107) but this increase in a Tier II stream would likely violate Idaho's antidegradation regulations. Even though these effects may be relatively minor, they are anticipated to be long-term and reoccurring.	WTR	Comment noted. Please recall that both the predictions of future water quality and the analysis of permit requirements/antidegradation are examples only for illustrative purposes. It is not possible to analyze any of these exactly. For that reason, TCMC has made the commitment to do whatever is required to meet the eventual permit conditions.	

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664	664.5	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	EPA's antidegradation standards, which the BLM must ensure compliance with, requires that: "Existing instream water uses and the level of water quality necessary to protect the existing uses shall be maintained." 40 CFR § 131.12 (a)(1). As detailed herein, the agency has not ensured that all instream uses and water quality "shall be maintained." The BLM needs to develop additional design features to ensure that all aspects of the project comply with state and federal laws.	WTR	Even if future water quality could be predicted with certainty, antidegradation analysis under the existing rules has built in flexibility as too methods, conditions, and how compliance occurs. The EIS provides a reasonable assessment of how the analysis may be done, but it will be up to IDEQ to conduct the antidegradation review. TCMC has made a blanket commitment to comply. IDEQ has chosen not to weigh in on this issue at this time.	
664	664.6	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We also note that the studies analyzing fine sediment percentages at monitoring sites were based on the wrong set of standards and, perhaps while potentially comparable, still may underestimate sediment (EIS p. 3-135). While lower water flows result in elevated levels of metals, high water can be associated with elevated levels of sediment or selenium.	WTR	Comment is in regard to the percentage of surface fine sediment measured at the TCMC monitoring sites (measured as the percent < 4.8 mm in diameter) in comparison to NMFS and USFWS guidelines (defined as the percent < 6mm in diameter). As described in the text, due to the nature of the estimates (e.g., visual), the estimates should be comparable. However, it is also possible that the methodology does underestimate the percentage of sediment <6mm in size. This caveat was added to the text. However, given that the standard is for percent fines < 6mm to be below 20%, and percentages measured at the TCMC sites are typically less than 7%, it is unlikely than any error in methodology would be large enough to change the determination of PFC. Further, although high water naturally has the ability to transport more sediment, long-term monitoring does not indicate large spikes in sediment or selenium during high water in Thompson Creek.	
664	664.7	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	Even when selenium WQS standards are met, bioaccumulation with the potential to affect listed fish species can occur (EIS, p. 3-136), in potential violation of the Endangered Species Act.	FISH	The WQSs are established to be protective considering even bioaccumulation (IDAPA 58.01.02.275) because some elements such as selenium may bioaccumulate (Section 3.8.1.3). The EPA has proposed a criterion for selenium in fish tissue. The concentration of selenium in fish in Thompson Creek in some cases could be near the proposed criterion. However, there is scientific research indicating the concentration of selenium for the proposed EPA criterion is too low. In any case, biological monitoring for Thompson Creek indicates macroinvertebrate organisms, sculpin, and trout populations have not declined due to the mine (Section 3.8.1.3). For example, the highest concentrations of selenium in stream sediment occur at a reference station unaffected by the mine. Furthermore, using the Thompson Creek monitoring data, the NMFS's Biological Opinion for Idaho Water Quality Standards for Toxic Substances proposes a low-risk concentration of selenium in water (concentration with a sufficiently low risk of effects) of 2 µg/L (NMFS Consultation Number: 2000-1484).	At concentrations below 2 µg/L, selenium bioaccumulation should not cause effects. At concentrations above 2 µg/L, fish tissue monitoring would be needed to determine if selenium is bioaccumulating to greater than tissue-residue concentrations of concern. Projected concentrations of selenium in Thompson Creek would be 2.0 µg/L for both the best and under the upper estimates. Because the concentrations of selenium are not predicted to increase relative to those during the selenium bioaccumulation studies, or be above proposed low-risk concentrations, the effects of selenium on ESA-listed fish populations would not be expected to result in adverse effects to listed fish or their designated critical habitat.

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664	664.8	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	The Cumulative Effects analysis points out that WQSs for metals in Thompson Creek and S. Creek would be exceeded during lowest streamflows in upper estimate scenarios (EIS p. 5-40). We point out that it low streamflows and high temperatures are some of the limiting factors for fish in these areas. During periods of low flow, high temperatures, fish would also be subject to elevated metal concentrations. Fish populations in Thompson Creek, S. Creek, Bruno Creek and the Salmon River would likely be affected at the same time. Because these tributaries also serve as the best available thermal refuge for bull trout, Chinook salmon and Snake River steelhead in the Salmon River, negative effects of increased metals could affect more than resident fish of these tributaries. While the EIS states that effects could result in short-term decreases in population sizes, we point out that steelhead, Chinook salmon and bull trout are listed fish species. As such, the BLM additional design features or alternatives are needed to control pollutants at both high and low flow regimes to ensure that fish populations are protected.	FISH	Comment is correct, if the conservative upper estimate concentrations were to occur, they would occur during periods of low flow and high temperature, and could affect not only fish in the affected tributaries, but fish in the Salmon River seeking thermal refuge at the mouths of these tributaries. A discussion of these potential effects was added to the EIS (Section 4.8.1.1), as will a discussion relative to addressing any problems that arise in the future (i.e., were water quality to become a problem, additional studies and changes in mine water management would occur to address the problems and protect fish populations).	
664	664.9	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We also believe it is critical for the BLM to assess No Name Creek and Redbird Creek, as some of these areas may be contaminated by mine affected water or historic mining issues. We point out that sulfate concentrations in Redbird Creek have increased by a factor of three over the last 10+ years (DEIS, p. 3-61). The assumption that beneficial uses are being fully supported here because it is within the S. Creek drainage (p. 3-53) is clearly not warranted. This monitoring is also necessary to establish a baseline and to determine the streams' assimilative capacity, if any. It appears that only one sample has been taken of the discharge from the Twin Apex mine and that this discharge contained elevated metals concentrations. In order to understand the role that the Twin Apex mine plays in the larger system, additional water samples are necessary and at a variety of flow conditions.	WTR	The DEIS utilized the baseline data that was available at the time the impact analysis was conducted. At that time, the impact analysis utilized the latest beneficial use status of the subject streams as indicated by the IDEQ. The suggested additional monitoring of Redbird and Twin Apex streams will be considered for the final monitoring plans.	
664	664.10	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We are particularly concerned about current and future selenium levels in Buckskin Creek and believe that additional steps are needed to reduce selenium discharges at the source. We are also concerned that TCMC is proposing to reduce the overall thickness of the Buckskin cap in Alternative M2 compared to M1, the existing plan: "TCMC would save \$1,000,000 of dollars by reclaiming the surface of the Buckskin WRSF with less soil cover than for Alternative M1." EIS p. 4-154. While there may be cost savings for reducing the cap thickness, this reduction may result in increased water infiltration, increased contaminants and increased treatment costs. We disagree with IDEQ's intent to place the stream assessment units in Category 4c, streams impaired by pollution, not pollutants. Relegating Buckskin Creek as a "permanently highly perturbed, flow-altered stream whose flow and water quality is a result of mine operations in compliance with the NPDES permit" belies the risk that a certain bioaccumulating pollutant – selenium - poses to the environment. We also oppose categorizing sediment in Pat Hughes Creek as pollution consistent with the NPDES permit rather than a pollutant which needs to be managed.	WTR	The Lorax Water management plan page 3-27 and 3-28 indicates that for extra conservatism, the prediction of the amount of flow through the Buckskin WRSF upon M2 closure "...ignored the potentially beneficial effects of the cover design in reducing infiltration into the Buckskin waste rock facility. As such, the predicted closure drainage flows are unchanged from those predicted for end of operations for Phase 7 and Phase 8. The statements regarding the commenter's disagreement with IDEQ's stream assessment are noted. The BLM does not have regulatory authority over Idaho's program. Bypass of the Buckskin Creek unlined sediment pond in September 2011 has reduced the input of selenium to Thompson Creek and the cutoff wall should continue that trend (Lorax 2012b).	Over Type II waste rock, which is potentially acid generating (PAG), a full 7.5 foot, three component cover would be used as described in Section 3.2.1 of the EIS. IDEQ's stated intent to revise the stream assessment units for Buckskin and Pat Hughes creeks between the waste rock facilities and the NPDES discharge points merely reflects the actual current conditions in these drainages. These streams are part of the mine drainage system and are under active management by the mine and have been for some years. This is unchanged from when the NPDES permits were issued. The concerns raised by the comment should be directed to IDEQ for their response.
664	664.11	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We understand that a wind fence has been constructed around the coarse ore stockpile. We are concerned that the dust from this and other areas may contain contaminants of concern. The EIS should address this issue.	ANC	The dust from the crushed ore is fine granitic rock with no contaminants of concern, the same as the dust from all other areas of the mine. For example, molybdenum has extremely low toxicity to animals and humans, and is an essential dietary nutrient for humans (e.g., JBR 2014p). However, the concentrations of dust at the mine site are regulated by the MSHA to protect mine workers from physical hazards. The wind fence was constructed not for environmental reasons, but rather 1) to save money as some of the dust that escapes from the stockpile contains product that would otherwise be recovered by the mill, and 2) to minimize power outages that the dust was causing to a nearby power substation.	

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664	664.12	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	It is unclear from the DEIS if there is or will be sufficient topsoil salvaged for adequate soil recovery during site reclamation. There may be opportunities for additional organic material produced as a byproduct of hazardous fuels thinning projects in Custer and Lemhi County. We recommend working with the Lemhi County Forest Restoration Collaborative Group on potential opportunities.	RCL	The EIS describes the reclamation that would occur. The information summarized in the EIS is based on numerous technical studies and reports, which for topsoil include the volumes and locations of all required sources.	
664	664.13	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	<i>Alternatives needed regarding the minimization of fill material</i> 40 CFR 230.10[a] states the following: "No discharge of dredged or fill material shall be permitted if there is a practicable alternative to the proposed discharge which would have less adverse impact on the aquatic ecosystem, so long as the alternative does not have other significant adverse environmental consequences (40 CFR 230.10[a])." We appreciate using existing waste and tailings storage facilities instead of affecting undisturbed drainages, but we believe that some additional exploration of ways to reduce fill material is warranted. For example, using sand to backfill the waste rock buttress of the tailings facility may result in fewer impacts to upper Bruno Creek.	ALT	The administrative record for the project documents attempts by the agencies and the proponent to minimize the amount of waste rock and tailings that would need to be stored at the mine. Several of these methods are noted in the EIS (e.g., p. 2-64 to 2-65). Through internal and external scoping (JBR 2011), the supporting scientific studies (Chapter 8), and the public comment period for the DEIS, no feasible alternatives that would meaningfully reduce the amount of waste rock or tailings were identified including hauling sand or waste rock to the toe of the TSF. The lack of suitable material to buttress the TSF was only one of a number of reasons why the alternative was not further analyzed (Section 2.1.7). The main reason is that the best available science (e.g., KP 2012) demonstrates the TSF would be stable for perpetuity (e.g., considering the maximum credible earthquake and maximum probable storm [de minimis risk of such events) when reclaimed according to the proposed reclamation plan.	Thus, there is no reason to place additional material in the embankment at enormous cost and additional surface disturbance (of the areas that would be excavated to provide the Type 1 rock, as well as below the TSF where the Type 1 rock where the SRD and pumpback station would need to be relocated further downstream in the Bruno Creek drainage).
664	664.14	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	Our experience with the reclamation of the Bear Track Mine is that livestock grazing should not be allowed on areas under active restoration such as waste rock and tailings facilities until the vegetation has reached pre-determined, sustainable targets. We also point out that selenium contamination of forage has been an enormously challenging issue in the phosphate patch in southeast Idaho and has led to scores of livestock deaths. We are also concerned about impacts to big game. We recommend that plant material and any watering sources be tested regularly for selenium contamination to ensure that selenium levels do not pose a threat to livestock or wild ungulates.	RNG, WLF	There would be no authorized livestock grazing on BLM land at the mine for the foreseeable future (the Bruno Creek Grazing Allotment is closed in the Challis RMP). Livestock (and wildlife) grazing in cases may cause problems with revegetation as part of mine reclamation. However, for any of the land disposal action alternatives it would be TCMC's decision on how to meet the State reclamation standards for vegetation (IDAPA 20.03.02.140.11.b). No meaningful risk of selenium contamination of terrestrial vegetation at the mine site has been identified.	
664	664.15	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	Regarding grazing in the Thompson Creek Allotment, we support the continued suspension of the permit to benefit listed fish species. We note that bank erosion is occurring within S. Creek due in part to livestock grazing in the riparian area and suggest that additional steps be taken to address this. We appreciate the mention of additional, wildlife-friendly fencing along S. Creek sometime in the future (EIS p. 4-172) but a specific timeline is needed.	RNG	The mitigation on S. Creek would be initiated after the MMPO ROD is issued and the appeal period has expired.	
664	664.16	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	The BLM should ensure that mine plans, reclamation plans and the final restoration configuration are adapted for wildfires. Fires can melt important infrastructure such as piping, valves, liners, caps and culverts and remove vegetation relied upon for removal of water from waste rock and tailings facilities. We note that permanent diversion ditches are planned around the margins of the waste rock storage facilities and will likely pass through culverts under any remaining roadways. The EIS needs to describe how the site will be fire resilient.	MMPO	The site is in a forested area and is as exposed to wildfire risk as an similar facility in a similar location. Site facilities can't be made fire resistant beyond the current technologies. Currently, there is one fire truck and one wildland fire apparatus on site and this would continue.	

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664	664.17	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We appreciate the potential use of feathering of vegetation during reclamation and natural staining of exposed minerals to better protect visual resources. We recommend that these components be required in the reclamation plan. We also recommend planting scattered clumps of vegetation along the faces of the tailings facility and waste rock faces where compatible with engineering designs.	VIS	Natural staining will occur by default, and "feathering" is part of the approved reclamation plan. The surfaces of the WRSFs and TSF, except where covered with coarse durable material for stability concerns, must be revegetated to a greater percentage of cover than scattered clumps of vegetation per IDAPA 20.03.02.140.11.b.	
664	664.18	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We support including whitebark pine seedlings in the higher elevation restoration efforts. Aspen stands should also be prioritized for restoration. Noxious weed monitoring and treatment will have to be conducted for extended periods of time as part of the long term reclamation of the site. To help guide these plantings, the closure and reclamation plan needs to include additional information on the vegetation type, pattern and projected ecological succession on all reclaimed areas.	VEG	The plantings would match, to the extent possible recognizing limitations in slope and soil type, the vegetation of the surrounding areas (Section 2.1.1.8). The seed mixture would be approved by the BLM and USFS and would include species that are appropriate for the elevation, topography, soil types, and ecological zone; this could include whitebark pine. The seed mixture, shrub, and tree plantings would also be chosen to reflect the same projected ecological succession as the surrounding area. For example, aspen and blue spruce are species that will be used in areas reclaimed to provide wetland and meadow habitat. Invasive and non-native plants would be managed under the adaptive management strategies for the project (Section 2.1.1.9).	
664	664.19	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	Where external waste rock pits will remain, we suggest recontouring them with some degree of irregularity so that they blend into the surrounding environment.	VIS	The margins of the WRSFs would be feathered to blend with adjacent topography, except for the toe of the Buckskin WRSF which must remain at the angle of repose for safety reasons. However, the talus slope of the toe blends very well at the landscape scale as talus slopes are abundant in the locality.	
664	664.20	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	Although lights are needed for safety during mine operations, the BLM and TCMC should utilize this opportunity to see if there are ways to minimize light pollution without compromising site safety. We note that the lights from TCM are highly visible from the White Cloud Mountains. Efforts might include additional shielding, redirecting lights downward, upgrading the types of lighting used, replacing sodium vapor lights with acceptable alternatives, and simply turning off lights when not in use. The long-term, post-closure plan for the site should be consistent with Dark Sky principles. This site represents one of the few places in the world where light pollution can be expected to decrease over time. The proximity of the Frank Church River of No Return Wilderness Area would make this entire area more intact and significant as a Dark Sky Resource.	VIS	Most of the lights at the mine must be left on at all times for safety. Where practicable, TCMC utilizes strategies to reduce light pollution. However, there are minimal receptors in the White Cloud Mountains at night. The MMPO alternatives would not increase light pollution associated with the mine, but the current light pollution would continue for an additional approximately 10 years under the MMPO action alternatives. After core reclamation the light pollution at the mine would be negligible, e.g., Section 3.11.2., Section 4.11.1., and JBR 2014k.	
664	664.21	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	Regarding noise pollution, the EIS is an excellent opportunity for the BLM and TCMC to discuss potential measures to reduce noise pollution on a daily or seasonal basis.	ANC	The amount of noise from mine would not vary among the MMPO alternatives, except for the duration of the effects, and the noise levels meet MSHA requirements for worker safety. The effects of noise away from the mine would be negligible, e.g., Section 4.10.1.	

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664	664.22	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We understand that TCMC may grant administrative access to the BLM and its permittees to areas that are now essentially inaccessible to these parties due to rugged topography and lack of legal access on existing roads. We are concerned about how increased access to these areas may result in increased grazing impacts, litter, human-caused ignitions, and other cumulative effects. These need to be analyzed as part of the Cumulative Effects analysis.	CE/LUR	The BLM and its permittees access the subject areas now with the verbal consent of TCMC, and the effects of grazing in the areas are evaluated in the Squaw Creek Grazing Permit Renewal EA. The land exchange provision would simply guarantee the continuation of such access to the BLM and its permittees, and not to the public. Accordingly, there would be no meaningful changes to grazing, litter, and human-caused ignitions. The DEIS was revised to clarify that the administrative access would not result in operational new access/grazing.	
664	664.23	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	While the proposed land exchange would involve BLM property, there is likely a similar interest in exchanging Forest Service property. As with the proposed exchange, there is value in the Forest Service retaining a conservation easement on sensitive areas within the selected land and for the offered lands to have strong conservation benefits for fish and wildlife. As these are reasonably foreseeable activities, the EIS should address them to the extent possible.	OS	This consideration is out of scope of this analysis.	
664	664.24	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	The EIS should disclose the failure rate of these mitigation measures, and how those failures will be addressed. For example, the EPA estimated potential water collection and treatment failure rates for mine seepage for a proposed porphyry mine, based on the track record of operating porphyry mines in its peer-reviewed Bristol Bay Watershed Assessment (USEPA, 2014): "Based on a review of historical and currently operating mines, some failure of water collection and treatment systems would be expected to occur during operation or post-closure periods. A variety of water collection and treatment failures are possible, ranging from operational failures that result in short-term releases of untreated or partially treated leachates to long-term failures to operate water collection and treatment systems in perpetuity. A reasonable but severe failure scenario would involve a complete loss of water treatment and release of average untreated wastewater flows into average dilution flows." "Reviews of mine records found that 93% of operating porphyry copper mines in the United States reported a water collection or treatment failure (Earthworks 2012). Improved design and practices should result in lower failure rates, but given this record it is unlikely that failure rates would be lower than 10% over the life of a mine. During operation, failures should be brief (less than 1 week) unless they involve a faulty system design or parts that are difficult to replace." Given the record of seepage collection and treatment failures at other operating porphyry mines in the U.S., the EIS should fully evaluate the potential impacts to the resource from this failure mode, and mitigation measures should be incorporated into the project and reflected in the financial assurance.	MIT	The water management associated with the MMPO alternatives is not mitigation, but part of the proposed operations. The water resources analysis uses the best available science to provide a site-specific analysis of both the "best estimate" and "upper estimate" (most conservative) of water quality effects of the MMPO alternatives, rather than an empirical analysis from other types of mines. NEPA analysis also must focus on what is reasonable and not worst-case scenarios. Regardless, Section 2.1.5. outlines some of the common-sense risks in operating a water management system over a long period of time, i.e., no catastrophic effects.	
664	664.25	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We are concerned about ongoing pollution from these and other mines in the CESA. Additional information is needed regarding the current, potential, and cumulative effects of metals contamination, particularly during low water events. The cumulative effects analysis should disclose monitoring results, any development or clean up plans for these sites and what water quality improvements may be seen. The EIS should clarify whether there is a NPDES permit for these discharges and who the responsible parties are.	CE/WTR	The mine with the greatest potential to affect water resources in the CESA after the TCM -- the Twin Apex Mine which discharges water from an underground sulfide ore body with moderate production -- is identified in the cumulative effects analysis. However, the Twin Apex Mine is on private property and the BLM is not aware of water quality data for the site. The Tungsten Jim Mine and Mill Sites are also identified in the cumulative effects analysis, but the BLM is not aware of water quality data demonstrating any meaningful effects to water resources from these sites. Regardless, the sites may be remediated to eliminate the potential of future effects to Thompson Creek. The BLM is not aware of water quality data from any of the other abandoned mine site in the CESA. In any case, the water monitoring from background sites at the TCM demonstrates that the cumulative effects of natural weathering, all of the mines in the CESA, and all other actions do not produce metal concentrations above the State WQSs.	The only mine with an individual NPDES permit in the CESA is the TCM, but the details of valid NPDES permits are administrative matters and not NEPA issues.

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664	664.26	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	As the Ninth Circuit has further held, "Our cases firmly establish that a cumulative effects analysis "must be more than perfunctory; it must provide a useful analysis of the cumulative impacts of past, present, and future projects." Klamath-Siskiyou, 387 F.3d at 994 (emphasis added) (quoting Ocean Advocates v. U.S. Army Corps of Eng'rs, 361 F.3d 1108, 1128 (9th Cir.2004)). To this end, we have recently noted two critical features of a cumulative effects analysis. First, it must not only describe related projects but also enumerate the environmental effects of those projects. See Lands Council v. Powell, 395 F.3d 1019, 1028 (9th Cir.2005) (holding a cumulative effects analysis violated NEPA because it failed to provide "adequate data of the time, place, and scale" and did not explain in detail "how different project plans and harvest methods affected the environment"). Second, it must consider the interaction of multiple activities and cannot focus exclusively on the environmental impacts of an individual project. See Klamath-Siskiyou, 387 F.3d at 996 (finding a cumulative effects analysis inadequate when "it only considers the effects of the very project at issue" and does not "take into account the combined effects that can be expected as a result of undertaking" multiple projects)." Oregon Natural Resources Council Fund v. Brong, 492 F.3d 1120, 1133 (9th Cir. 2007)(emphasis added). The Ninth Circuit has rejected the agency's attempt to avoid reviewing cumulative impacts by simply discussing general effects (and even that was not done in the FEIS): As we have observed on multiple occasions, "general statements about possible effects and some risk do not constitute a hard look absent a justification regarding why more definitive information could not be provided." Klamath-Siskiyou, 387 F.3d at 993-94 (quoting Ocean Advocates, 361 F.3d at 1128). Even if the BLM was unable to indicate with any great degree of certainty the results of the Project, because the cumulative effects analysis requires an agency to predict future conditions, uncertainty is an inherent part of the process. Therefore, a general statement about uncertainty does not satisfy the procedural requirement that an agency take a hard look at the environmental effects of an action. The BLM can certainly explain specific projections with reference to uncertainty; however, it may not rely on a statement of uncertainty to avoid even attempting the requisite analysis. Oregon Natural Resources Council Fund v. Brong, 492 F.3d 1120, 1134 (9th Cir. 2007).	CE	The comment does not identify any specific concerns with the cumulative effects analysis in the DEIS. However, the DEIS was revised to include more cumulative effects analysis, particularly with changes in land tenure. Cumulative effects analysis is necessarily more subjective than site-specific project analysis, and should be concise descriptions of the effects to the extent that they are relevant and useful in analyzing whether the reasonably foreseeable effects of an alternative may have a continuing, additive, and significant relationship to those effects. The BLM believes the cumulative effects analysis in the FEIS identifies the effects (e.g., surface disturbance) that the decision makers should reasonably consider. That is, through internal and external scoping, the supporting scientific studies, and the public comment period for the DEIS, the BLM is not aware of any cumulative effects missing from the FEIS that could reasonably be expected to cause the decision makers to reach different decisions.	
664	664.27	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	A description of the potential groundwater impacts from the Bruno Exploration Project is also warranted.	CE/WTR	TCMC has drilled more than 100,000 boreholes at the mine site since the 1960s with no known meaningful effect to groundwater. There would be no meaningful effect to groundwater from the Bruno Creek exploration drilling because of the benign materials in the boreholes (e.g., clay and water) and because the boreholes must be sealed to prevent aquifer contamination per IDAPA 37.03.09. The effects (minimal to none) of the exploration drilling were fully evaluated in the Bruno Creek Mineral Exploration Project Environmental Assessment (2013) and supporting documents.	
664	664.28	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	It is our understanding that the Three Rivers Quarry and Idaho Cobalt Project are both currently on hold, in care and maintenance or closed. The EIS should clarify this.	CE	The DEIS was revised to clarify such.	
664	664.29	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	On an issue of objectivity regarding different resources, we note that the only time the term "adversely affect" is utilized in section 1.13 is with reference to local, State and national economies and social conditions in local communities from decreased production or closure of the mine. However, with regard to other extremely important issues, including water quality, fisheries, wildlife, etc., the DEIS refers to "effects" of expanded and continued mining with no such qualifier, although the impacts would certainly be adverse in most cases. This use of language represents a potential bias in the document favoring economic considerations over environmental and human-safety related issues and should be rectified.	NEPA	The EIS tries to limit the use of "adverse" to when required by a laws or regulations such as the ESA (Section 4.8.), Tribal Treaty Rights and Interests (Section 4.14), Cultural Resources (Section 4.15), or the required "Unavoidable Potentially Significant Adverse Effects" heading (Section 4.18). Therefore, the DEIS was revised to remove the use of "adverse" in Section 1.13.12.	
664	664.30	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We appreciate the opportunity to tour the project area on July 24 with Thompson Creek Mining Company representatives and hope that representatives from the BLM can join us on this tour to discuss the project in more detail.	GEN	Comment noted.	
664	664.31	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We also note that the discussion of Acid Rock Drainage on p. 3-50 contained no information on how this phenomenon was related to TCM and this should be corrected. In a separate chapter, the EIS does note that lowered pH and increased metals from Acid Rock Drainage can be acutely toxic to aquatic life. The EIS also mentions that mixtures of metals can have interactive effects with potentially increased toxicity (EIS p. 4-104).	WTR	The referenced background information on acid rock drainage is provided to better understand the effects of such at the TCM as summarized in the EIS, e.g., Section 4.8.	

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664	664.32	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	<i>Alternatives related to increasing the long-term stability of the Tailings Storage Facility</i> We note that the BLM dismissed an alternative which would have used Type 1 (non-reactive) waste rock to buttress the tailings storage facility embankment. This alternative would help decrease the steepness of the face of the "sand dam" tailings impoundment and help stabilize the structure. However, this alternative was dismissed because the Type 1 waste rock that would be used is in limited supply and is needed to reclaim the Pat Hughes and Buckskin Waste Rock Storage Facilities. We point out that the BLM has not considered alternative covers and caps for the waste dumps that may reduce the amount of Type 1 waste rock needed to provide a relatively impermeable cover. In disregarding a buttress alternative, the BLM also mentions the lack of sand to fill the area behind the buttress. We point out that the proposed action would increase the final reclaimed height of tailings impoundment by 96 feet, implying that there is no shortage of material. The BLM also mentions the higher capital and operation costs for this alternative. Again, while practicality and short term cost need to be considered, so do long-term costs in the event of a catastrophic failure in the tailings facility. The BLM also dismisses this alternative because it would entail disturbing substantial new area, but this did not prevent the BLM from developing alternative M3 which would also disturb a substantial new area. We point out that the area that would be disturbed is already impacted by the Seepage Return Dam and is not a high priority for stream restoration.	ALT	The lack of suitable material to buttress the TSF was only one of a number of reasons why the alternative was not further analyzed (Section 2.1.7). The main reason is that the best available science (e.g., KP 2012) demonstrates the TSF would be stable for perpetuity (e.g., considering the maximum credible earthquake and maximum probable storm [de minimis risk of such events]) when reclaimed according to the proposed reclamation plan. Thus, there is no reason to place additional material in the embankment at enormous cost and additional surface disturbance (of the areas that would be excavated to provide the Type 1 rock, as well as below the TSF where the Type 1 rock where the SRD and pumpback station would need to be relocated further downstream in the Bruno Creek drainage). In addition, the long-term water management at the mine (i.e., active water treatment) negates the usefulness of artificial liners on the WRSFs (i.e., the expense of reducing a small amount of infiltrated water would not be justified by a meaningful cost savings in water treatment).	The tailings impoundment would be raised by clay and silt, whereas the tailings embankment would be raised by cycloned sand, all of which is needed to raise the embankment to the final design height (Section 2.1.7).
664	664.33	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	The BLM states that the stability of the sand dam is not an issue. While the likelihood of a catastrophic failure may be relatively low, the environmental costs of a collapse would be extremely high and are not covered financially under any proposed scenario. We are concerned about the potential liquefaction of the sand dam during large-scale seismic events. We point out that this area is seismically active and that the sand dam will be a feature on the landscape for millennia. The fact that some land management agencies also mentioned this during the scoping period means that this is a shared concern. A collapse would lead to both massive sedimentation issues in the Bruno and Squaw Creek drainages and into the Salmon River, smothering riparian areas, listed fish species and their critical habitat. The displaced material would be distributed on top of the streambed, riparian areas and access roads over a considerable distance, making clean up extremely difficult. Reconstructing a proper storage facility and rehandling the material would be exceedingly expensive. In the interim, the material from the sand dam embankment would present acid generation issues.	GEO	The administrative record documents that the best available science demonstrates that the TSF would be stable, both for static and dynamic (seismic) conditions, including that of the site-specific, maximum credible earthquake (de minimis risk of such an event) (KP 2012). Such is summarized in the EIS. The NEPA analysis must focus on what is reasonably foreseeable, and not worst-case scenarios. That is, there is always a de minimis probability of a meteorite impact at the mine or the collapse of State and Federal governments, but the risks of such are not explicitly evaluated in NEPA analysis.	

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664	664.34	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	<i>Alternatives relating to isolation of Waste Rock Storage Facilities</i> The proper closure and subsequent management of waste rock dumps covers several issues, including water quality, fisheries, wildlife, wetlands, water treatment needs, water treatment costs, adequacy of bonding, and Tribal treaty rights. The quantity and quality of water seeping from the waste rock dumps and affecting the above issues can be directly related to the amount of meteoric water allowed to infiltrate the dumps and exit via the toe of the dump or seep into the groundwater. Technologies regarding cover and cap designs has improved greatly in the last several years. For example, geosynthetic clay laminate liners (GCLs) appear to provide substantial benefits over previous designs. In fact, we specifically mentioned GCLs in our scoping comments. According to the Blackfoot Bride FEIS, the GCL cover system for the Blackfoot Bridge Project is comprised of the following materials (from surface to base): 18 inches of topsoil; 1 foot of weathered alluvium cover material; - Approximately 6 inches of drainage/protective layer material (actual thickness is dependent on slope and aspect); - Geosynthetic Clay Laminate Liner; 6 inches of a protective sub-grade layer (weathered alluvium or other earthen material); and - Run of Mine (ROM) overburden. The GCL itself includes a thin layer of powdered sodium bentonite clay sandwiched between two geotextile layers. A geotextile is a woven or nonwoven sheet material that is resistant to penetration damage. The top geotextile layer is laminated with a polyethylene geomembrane layer, providing an additional layer of protection (hence the name, Geosynthetic Clay Liner Laminate). Federal Register Volume 74, Number 156 (Friday, August 14, 2009) [Pages 41157-41158] [FR Doc No: E9-19416]. We realize that each project is unique and that technologies that work for one project may not be directly applicable to others, but we believe this is a relevant issue in this case. The BLM needs to develop alternative(s) concerning caps, covers and impermeable layers for waste rock storage facilities and examine the need to further stabilize the tailings facility so that it can withstand significant seismic events beyond the foreseeable future.	ALT	Net infiltration into the WRSFs is not the main driver for the active, long-term water treatment for the Thompson Creek project.	
664	664.35	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We are also concerned that the tailings facility currently leaks small but unquantified amounts of water into groundwater with small but unquantified effects on water quality. The EIS needs to provide additional information on the current and future trends and ways to address this as needed.	WTR	As described in Section 3.6.1.2 of the DEIS (p 3.91), shallow wells MW1 and MW2 downstream of the tailings embankment have increased levels of sulfate (median 146 mg/L and 89 mg/L respectively), indicating minor influence from the TSF. Background sulfate is considered approximately 51 to 61 mg/L. This is considered an indicator of the effectiveness of current water management. Section 5.1.3 of the Water Management Plan (Lorax, 2012a) describes how the geochemistry of the impoundment prevents ARD by keeping the tailings saturated. Following closure, however, seepage from the impoundment will be reduced relative to seepage through the embankment, which has been shown to have the potential for ARD and elevated metals. It is predicted that the current management practices for capturing seepage will continue to be effective post-closure. The Adaptive Groundwater Management Plan (Lorax, 2012b) offers three mitigation contingencies in the event that "specified Performance Metrics" are exceeded. These include a slurry wall, a permeable reactive barrier, and additional pumping wells within the vicinity of the existing pump-back	

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664	664.36	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	<i>Alternative related to liner/groundwater control for the Pat Hughes Waste Rock Dump</i> Alternative M3 anticipates increased flow from the Pat Hughes waste rock dump into the shallow aquifer. This is largely due to the fact that the layer of relatively impermeable Challis volcanics which is beneath the existing waste rock dump does not extend out underneath the expanded waste rock boundary (Figure 4.6-5). Without this geologic liner, meteoric water and groundwater traveling through the waste rock can more easily enter the metasediment layer and the aquifer, bringing with it mine contaminants. Although the planned cutoff trenches are expected to capture much of the water, some water will still seep around these intercept points. Long term predictions for M3 show the possibility of spikes on copper concentrations that exceed CCC values and these intermittent exceedances are expected to occur in perpetuity with potentially detrimental impacts to listed fish species at some scale. The EIS states that capping is not expected to alter the behavior of the affected seepage or performance of cutoff walls within the groundwater systems below these facilities (EIS p. 4-34) but provides no analysis of this reasoning. We note that the proposed for the Pat Hughes waste dump would be a slightly different design than the one at Buckskin to further reduce water infiltration (EIS p 4-55). The BLM should analyze additional alternatives to address this issue. Possibilities include reengineering the waste rock facilities so that their boundaries are constrained by the ability to contact the volcanics, moving some of the volcanics underneath the Phase 8 expansion, placing an impermeable clay-based liner underneath the footprint of the waste rock in advance of waste rock construction, or placing an array of groundwater-intercept pumps (in addition to PW 13, 14, 15) beyond the toe to capture this contaminated seepage.	ALT	The exceedances of State WQSs would not be reasonably foreseeable nor could be allowed to persist. Rather, the exceedances were provided to fully disclose the risks to water resources. Modifying the caps, revegetation, or installing artificial liners at the WRSFs or the TSF would not alter the effects to water resources as such modifications would not affect the quantity of water captured by the water management system at the mine. Adaptive management (Lorax 2012b, Section 2.1.1.9) would allow the capture and treatment of more groundwater in the improbable event that such would be necessary.	
664	664.37	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	<i>Alternative relating to backfilling pits and other disturbed areas</i> We also recommended developing an alternative in which the tailings and/or waste rock are relocated back into the main pit (or other geologically stable area). While rehandling this material would require additional 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 BLM initially dismissed this alternative because of cost issues but did not analyze the potential cost-savings benefits and reduced environmental risks.	ALT	A pit backfill analysis is required by 43 CFR 3809.401, and the results of such clearly demonstrate that backfilling the pit is not feasible, either concurrently or after mining, e.g., Section 2.1.7.	
664	664.38	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	The DEIS is unclear with regard to how and where mine-affected water will be treated post-closure: "TCMC would either construct a long-term water treatment facility or modify the existing process water treatment plant. (EIS p. ES-4)." Water treatment is one of the major unresolved issues related to this project and the outcome will affect the environment of the area beyond the foreseeable future. The details regarding water treatment will also determine the ultimate cost for long-term water treatment and the adequacy of the financial mechanism needed so that taxpayer dollars are not needed. It appears that both construction of a new long-term water treatment facility and the modification of the existing water treatment plant are viable options, but a more detailed analysis is needed with respect to cost, efficacy, long-term viability, maintenance, power needs, ease of repair, filter removal, pond mucking, waste disposal, treatment methods (passive vs. active), replacement schedule, upgrades, staffing needs, etc. It is not even clear what entity would maintain the TCM Access Bridge which may be necessary to replace or upgrade water treatment infrastructure into the future.	WTR	Mine-affected water would be treated post-closure at a water treatment facility that would be maintained long-term, as stated. It is not essential to the analysis to identify which plant it would be. Long-term water management is discussed in Section 2.1.1.8 of the EIS. The analysis of details such as cost, efficacy, long-term viability, power needs, etc. are not NEPA issues and would be evaluated as part of the design process.	
664	664.39	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	The BLM should develop alternatives regarding the design and engineering of the waste rock and tailings facilities to see if the quantity of water contacting mine waste and needing treatment can be further minimized.	ALT	Through the extensive background studies (JBR 2014g) and the public involvement process (JBR 2011), no reasonable methods to further reduce the amount of water infiltrating the WRSFs and TSF were identified. For example, the cost of installing a clay liner and maintaining the liner in perpetuity would not be justified by the relatively small reduction in the amount of water that would need to be treated. Furthermore, the cap for the TSF is designed to correspond to the estimated infiltration to maintain some water in the TSF to minimize ARD.	
664	664.40	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	Our primary concerns with these proposals relate to the long-term protection of water quality. We want to ensure that the water treatment plant and related infrastructure are properly engineered.	WTR	As part of the NEPA process the agencies evaluated the proposed water treatment (Section 2.1.3.6.) to ensure such would be technologically feasible, and to incorporate such into the effects analysis. TCMC will be required to submit the detailed designs of the water treatment facilities to the appropriate regulatory agencies who will administratively review and approve the designs as part of approving a modified plan of operations for the mine, i.e., the detailed designs are administrative matters and not NEPA issues	

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664	664.41	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	In the environmental review of a proposed copper porphyry mine, the EPA highlights the uncertainties associated with long term water treatment systems for mines, saying, "Seepage and leachate monitoring and collection systems, as well as the WWTP, might need to be maintained for hundreds to thousands of years. It is impossible to evaluate the success of such long-term collection and treatment systems for mines. No examples exist, because these timeframes exceed both existing systems and most human institutions." (USEPA, 2014) The EIS should evaluate the potential impacts from water treatment system failure, and provide alternatives that evaluate additional mitigation measures to ensure that contaminated water isn't released in the event of a water treatment plant failure, and that financial assurance is in place to cover the full cost of these back-up systems, regular replacement of water treatment systems during post-closure, etc.	WTR	There will be uncertainty associated with any prediction of water quality, with or without treatment, in both the short and long terms. Additional evaluation will not eliminate the uncertainty. Furthermore, worst-case analysis or analysis about speculative events is not an appropriate part of NEPA analysis. That is, the analysis is focused on reasonably foreseeable effects (those that are likely to occur or probable) rather than those which are merely possible. In addition, the FEIS outlines relevant monitoring, mitigation, adaptive management, and regulations regarding financial guarantees in the context of long-term water management at the mine.	
664	664.42	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	This facility is going to need to be fully functional for centuries in order to protect public resources, and, even, then, failures are likely (DEIS, p. 2-50 to 2-51). The current two action alternatives offer the public no difference between the end results of a treatment failure in the future, as there is are material differences in the probability of consequence of these risks. As such, the EIS has failed to develop meaningful alternatives regarding the most significant environmental risk. We appreciate the commitment from TCMC "to implement and maintain, in perpetuity, whatever types of treatments are needed to maintain ambient water quality in the Salmon River" (EIS, p. 4-103) but the BLM needs to design alternatives so that the need for these treatments are minimized and that water quality is also protected in tributaries such as Thompson Creek and S. Creek. The public deserves an opportunity to review and compare alternatives for the probability and consequence of future water contamination. The selected alternative should do the best job of protect public resources far into the future.	ALT	Worst-case analysis is not an appropriate part of NEPA analysis, thus an option analyzing treatment failure is not required. The current conditions in Path Hughes drainage already require collection and treatment of mine impacted water so alternatives that would eliminate this are not feasible. The type of treatment proposed in the future is quite conventional and is already being practiced successfully at the mine so the probability of failure of this treatment approach is very low. The commenter is correct that the two action alternatives (as well as the no action) do not substantively differ in regard to how water treatment is approached	
664	664.43	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	In the event of a short-term halt to mining or suspension of production, "care and maintenance" procedures need to be spelled out for each alternative. This temporary suspension does not fit the category of daily operations or the category of reclamation and closure. Major pieces of infrastructure need to be retained and maintained for future start up, but daily procedures such as water use for milling and dust control may be discontinued. As such, the BLM needs to describe how water balance will be affected, how capture, treatment and disposal of water will be affected, and what level of work force is needed to assist in site management. We point out that approximately 2,500 gallons per minute of water are currently used during operations but it is unclear what quantity would be used during "care and maintenance." This "Twilight Zone" of mine management leaves many uncertainties that are best addressed in advance of the actual event. Because different alternatives may have different ways of managing water balance or treatment, care and maintenance procedures should be spelled out for each alternative.	WTR	All water management activities that would be needed to maintain water quality and comply with the NPDES permit would continue in the event of a short-term halt to mining or a suspension of production.	
664	664.44	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	The maximum duration of care and maintenance before reclamation is triggered needs to be described. We note that the Idaho Cobalt Project on the Salmon-Challis National Forest is in a "care and maintenance" phase, although the mine was only partially developed. The Forest Service and the mining company, Formation Capital, may well have different opinions on when to "pull the plug" and have the disturbed areas reclaimed and soil productivity restored.	RCL	There is no maximum duration of care and maintenance (interim management plan) under a plan of operations per 43 CFR 3809.401, just as there is no maximum duration for a plan of operations. An operator may keep a mine in care and maintenance as long as the requirements of the applicable laws and regulations are met.	
664	664.45	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	The EIS presents a unique opportunity to review changed conditions since the original 1980 and 1999 EIS. These analyses had underestimated the negative impacts to water quality, the time of onset of these impacts, the duration of these impacts, and the final reclamation and water treatment costs. These analyses also overestimated the effectiveness of measures to avoid, minimize and mitigate these problems. In the intervening time, TCMC made plan modifications and adapted to these changed conditions by developing an integrated water management and treatment system. We believe the BLM has an obligation to the public to review the history of site, disclose the past challenges in making accurate predictions, describe how the BLM and TCMC adapted to new conditions, disclose the assumptions and uncertainties with the present analysis, and describe how these issues are being addressed in the present analysis. The EIS states that the probably effects of the mine on the natural flow of Buckskin and Pat Hughes Creeks was described in the 1980 EIS, but the EIS does not state what those predicted effects were and what the actual results were.	OS	This request is outside the scope of the project, would be contrary to the NEPA which is forward-looking, and would not be relevant to the current analysis.	

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664	664.46	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We present excerpts from the Comparison of Predicted and Actual Water Quality at Hardrock Mines (Appendix A) and EPA's Technical Document on Acid Mine Drainage Prediction (Appendix B). We believe the BLM should review these documents as part of this analysis and specifically describe how these issues are currently being addressed and will be managed into the future through the different alternatives.	WTR	The EIS presents the effects to water quality from the mine determined with the best available science applied to the mine site. That is, such analysis incorporates the most recent methods to evaluate ARD, but applied specifically to the mine site using decades of existing data for facilities with long-term operations at the mine.	
664	664.47	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We note that the BLM refers to the term Acid Rock Drainage instead of Acid Mine Drainage (DEIS, p 3-50). Acid Rock Drainage usually refers to natural situations where naturally exposed sulfides lead to decreased pH; whereas Acid Mine Drainage usually refers to manmade situations where mining activities have increased the exposure and/or surface area of ore, waste rock or tailings resulting in acid generating conditions. We believe that the situation at the TCM is best described as Acid Mine Drainage. We also note that the discussion of Acid Rock Drainage on p. 3-50 contained no information on how this phenomenon was related to TCM and this should be corrected. In a separate chapter, the EIS does note that lowered pH and increased metals from Acid Rock Drainage can be acutely toxic to aquatic life. The EIS also mentions that mixtures of metals can have interactive effects with potentially increased toxicity (EIS p. 4-104).	GEO	The terms acid rock drainage and acid mine drainage are commonly used interchangeably even related to mining activity. ARD is an appropriate term for this EIS. The discussion of ARD on page 3-50 of the EIS explains how the process occurs at the mine.	
664	664.48	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	To address acid-mine drainage issues, waste rock and ore need to be more carefully evaluated, segregated and handled. We note that the BLM anticipates increasing acid generation in the face of the tailings storage facility (EIS at p. 4-34) and at Pat Hughes dump. We note that the sulfate levels in the tailings pond, MW10 and the Main Drain all exceed Idaho groundwater standard. We believe that additional design features need to be developed to reduce or reverse this trend rather than simply relying on the water capture and treatment system. A limited number of samples was collected (only one sample was collected from MW10 in 2010) and the BLM needs to provide a diversity of samples at different flow rates or times of year. Redundant water capture 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 as one option) and double-lined with water capture, pumping and treatment capabilities. In addition, redundant downgradient water capture systems should be developed.	ALT	No reasonable improvements to material handling at the mine or methods to reduce the trends of development of ARD in the WRSFs and the TSF were identified from internal and external scoping (JBR 2011), the supporting scientific studies (JBR 2014g), or the public comment period for the DEIS. The reasonably foreseeable effects to water quality are fully disclosed in the EIS (Section 4.6.1), and are summarized from an extensive hard look at both the surface water and groundwater at the mine, including the development of a pit lake. The conclusions were derived from the best available science. Failure of part of a water collection system is not a reasonably foreseeable scenario, and would not cause any catastrophic effects such that redundant systems (with concomitant expense, surface disturbance, consumption of raw materials, etc.) would be justified.	
664	664.49	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	The DEIS states that the mine currently uses 2,500 gallons per minute for various mine operations. It is unclear how this volume of water is going to be handled post-closure. We believe that there are opportunities to redirect much of this flow around waste rock and tailings facilities into natural stream channels for improved fish habitat. However, the increased flows may pose additional challenges related to preventing seepage into waste rock and tailings facilities. The BLM needs to provide more information on how the pros and cons of post-closure water flows will be handled.	WTR	Section 4.6.1 describes the fact that up to 4.5 cfs (2,000 gpm) now withdrawn from the Salmon River would no longer be withdrawn and would remain instream. It also describes that flows from Upper Bruno will be passed through to lower Bruno creek post-closure ("...and would flow more consistently into lower Bruno Creek below the TSF embankment, increasing streamflow. "). Also, groundwater currently withdrawn for potable and other mine uses would be no longer used and would remain in the system	

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664	664.50	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	As noted in our scoping comments, an 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 reduced if there is a monitoring program to detect and respond to these situations earlier rather than later. As such, the EIS should compare the following factors under different management scenarios: number of agency inspections, the thoroughness of these inspections, the ability to review the adequacy of the reclamation bond and adjust it as needed, the frequency of bonding review, bonding amounts, the past history of bonding increases, past history of calculating the correct bond, the amount of potential fines for violations, and the ability to require and manage a fund for long term water treatment.	SOC	NEPA analysis must be about what is proposed, reasonable alternatives, and the reasonably foreseeable effects of such. NEPA analysis may not speculate about "what ifs" such as would an operator violate the terms and conditions of a plan of operations or violate a State or Federal law. Regulatory oversight is thus an administrative matter, and not a NEPA issue. There are agency-wide regulations for the listed (administrative) factors and to change them would be subject to NEPA. However, to include such an alternative for this particular operation would be outside the scope of the current project.	
664	664.51	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We want to ensure that...funding is available to cover costs as long as treatment is needed, and that the entities in charge of the financial mechanism have the necessary regulatory authority. We believe that the bonding calculations need to be part of the NEPA analysis and that a broader discussion of the regulatory framework is needed.	SOC	The specific amounts of financial guarantees are administrative matters and not NEPA issues. For example, the BLM surface management regulations require a financial guarantee adequate to cover the cost of reclamation of the mine according to the reclamation plan (Section 1.9.21). That is, the amounts are determined by regulation; there is no decision space regarding the amounts.	
664	664.52	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	The EIS maintains that public safety and transportation issues will not change between Alternatives M2 and M3, however, with the number of land-managing agencies being reduced from three to two (IDL and FS), the number of annual inspections would decrease by 4. This reduction could have real impacts on the detection and response to situations needing attention. We note that the mine is regularly inspected by an interagency taskforce consisting of the BLM, Forest Service, IDWR, IDEQ, IDL and the Idaho Department of Fish and Game (the DEIS incorrectly refers to this agency at Idaho Department of Fish and Wildlife on p. 2-25). We request that the level of inspections remain the same or be increased in the future. We also strongly recommend keeping the provision that tours may be offered to the public upon request. These tours have been extremely helpful in inform ICL staff and community members about the actual conditions on site.	MMPO	If the selected land came under the ownership of TCMC the BLM would no longer inspect the mining operations because no portion of the operations would be on BLM land; thus, the BLM would not have any jurisdiction. The frequency of inspections by IDL and Forest Service is not proposed to change at this time. TCMC may offer public tours at their discretion in the future; however, that is their management decision.	
664	664.53	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	The EIS states that the reclamation cost estimate will be periodically adjusted but does not provide any timeframe (every three years, every 10 years) for this review and adjustment. Our past experience with other mining operations has led us to conclude that bonds are not reviewed as frequently as needed.	SOC	The reviews of reclamation cost estimates are administrative matters and not NEPA issues. If such were not the case, the agencies would not be able to make timely adjustments to financial guarantees. For example, the BLM has written policy requiring a review at least once each 3 years but may require that an operator provide an updated reclamation cost estimate whenever the BLM deems such is necessary per 43 CFR 3809.522.	
664	664.54	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We appreciate the intent of having a financial mechanism in place as a term and condition for the ROD to be signed. However, we point out that the Idaho Department of Lands currently lacks the statutory authority to manage funds to cover water treatment costs in perpetuity for mining-related projects. We believe that Idaho code may need to be amended to provide the Idaho Department of Lands with this authority. Such an amendment could actually be beneficial for the long-term management of both this project and others.	OS	Revising the Idaho code is outside the scope of the project. However, as the primary downgradient party for effects to water resources, the BLM intends to hold a financial guarantee for all of the costs related to the long-term water management (Section 4.13.4). And for the agency-preferred land disposal alternative TCMC would enter into a legally binding agreement to make available to the IDL a financial guarantee equivalent to that which would otherwise be held by the BLM.	

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664	664.55	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We disagree with to the concept that the specific amounts of financial guarantees are part of the BLM administrative process and are not NEPA issues (EIS, p. 1-19). According to the EIS, such review will only occur after the NEPA process is closed. This violates NEPA's requirement for a full discussion of all mitigation measures and impacts.	SOC	The reviews of reclamation cost estimates and obtaining financial guarantees are administrative matters and not NEPA issues. If such were not the case, the agencies would not be able to make timely adjustments to financial guarantees. For example, the BLM has written policy requiring a review at least once each 3 years but may require that an operator provide an updated reclamation cost estimate whenever the BLM deems such is necessary per 43 CFR 3809.522. For the BLM, financial guarantees are not typically obtained until after a plan of operations is approved, in the case of an ongoing mine financial guarantees may be adjusted at any time deemed necessary by the agencies. Forest Service regulations (36CFR228.13(a)) only require operators to furnish the reclamation bond prior to approval (occurs after the NEPA decision). The review of a reclamation cost estimate and obtaining or adjusting a financial guarantee is not a mitigation measure or NEPA effect. Therefore, the agencies intend to obtain a financial guarantee for long-term water treatment for Phase 7 prior to completing the NEPA process for the project.	
664	664.56	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	NEPA requires that mitigation measures be fully reviewed in the FEIS, not in the future. "[O]mission of a reasonably complete discussion of possible mitigation measures would undermine the 'action-forcing' function of NEPA. Without such a discussion, neither the agency nor other interested groups and individuals can properly evaluate the severity of the adverse effects." Robertson v. Methow Valley Citizens Council, 490 U.S. 332, 353 (1989). NEPA requires that documents: (1) "include appropriate mitigation measures not already included in the proposed action or alternatives," and (2) "include discussion of . . . Means to mitigate adverse environmental impacts (if not already covered under 1502.14(f))." 40 C.F.R. § 1502.14(f); 40 C.F.R. § 1502.16(h). "Mitigation" is defined as a way to avoid, minimize, rectify, or compensate for the impact of a potentially harmful action. 40 C.F.R. §§ 1508.20 (a)-(e). Mitigation measures must be discussed with "sufficient detail to ensure that environmental consequences have been fairly evaluated." Robertson, 490 U.S. at 352. The discussion of mitigation measures must also assess their effectiveness. "An essential component of a reasonably complete mitigation discussion is an assessment of whether the proposed mitigation measures can be effective." South Fork Band Council v. Dept. of Interior, 588 F.3d 718, 726 (9th Cir. 2009). In this case, the public has no idea as to how "effective" the mitigation/reclamation bond would be for any of the action alternatives – because neither TCMC nor the BLM have divulged this information. Such elimination of the public's rights to fully participate in the NEPA process cannot stand.	SOC	The specific amounts of financial guarantees are administrative matters and not NEPA issues or mitigation measures. The NEPA issue of whether a Federal agency would hold a financial guarantee (and if so to what degree) for a reclamation plan for a mine was addressed, e.g., by the BLM in the Surface Management Regulations for Locatable Mineral Operations FEIS released in October 2000. The FEIS evaluated a range of financial guarantee alternatives including no financial guarantees and worst-case financial guarantees. The ROD selected Alternative 3, which requires financial guarantees adequate to cover the costs as if the BLM were to contract with a third party to complete the reclamation according to the reclamation plan. Consequently, there is no NEPA decision space regarding the amounts of the financial guarantees – they are required by regulation to cover the cost of reclamation according to the reclamation plan. The information used by the agencies for the review of a reclamation cost estimate and obtaining a financial guarantee in almost all cases not confidential and available for public inspection.	

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664	664.57	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	An EIS serves two purposes: First, [i]t ensures that the agency, in reaching its decision, will have available, and will carefully consider, detailed information concerning significant environmental impacts. Second, it guarantees that the relevant information will be made available to the larger audience that may also play a role in both the decisionmaking process and the implementation of that decision. Center for Biological Diversity v. Dept. of Interior, 623 F.3d 633, 642 (9th Cir. 2010). Such public review is required in this case. The US EPA specifically notified the USFS that bonding must be discussed and reviewed as part of the NEPA process: "EPA believes that financial assurance is an important element of the proposed action and must be disclosed in the EIS. FA is an important component of the mitigation plan, and disclosing information on the costs and form of FA is essential for the public to understand and comment on the adequacy of mitigation, risks to the environment, and financial risks to the public. EPA believe it is not possible to fully evaluate anticipated effectiveness of the mine and reclamation plan and associated risks to the environment without this type of information." (Letter from Lynne McWhorter, EPA Environmental Review and Sediment Management Unit to Dave Rosenkrance, Challis BLM, dated September 27, 2010) The EIS must contain a review of bonding levels for the action alternatives.	SOC	For a variety of reasons, only some of which are noted here, the BLM respectfully disagrees with the EPA regarding the issue of whether or not the specific amounts of financial guarantees are NEPA issues.	
664	664.58	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	As mentioned in our scoping comments, the BLM work with the operator to further minimize air pollution risks. We have already provided comments with regard to TCM's latest air quality permit.	ANC	The air quality analyses in the supporting studies and as summarized in the EIS indicate no effects to air quality of particular concern. No reasonable methods to meaningfully reduce the effects to air quality were identified during internal or external scoping, the supporting scientific studies, or the public comment period for the DEIS. Regardless, TCMC continues to work to reduce the effects from the mine to air quality. The air quality permit for the mine is the jurisdiction of the IDEQ and not any of the Federal lead or cooperating agencies.	
664	664.59	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	As mentioned in our scoping comments, the BLM should incorporate additional measures related to water conservation. Upon final mine closure, water will no longer be needed for mine production and would be extremely beneficial if returned to the creeks to help restore fish habitat. We point out that some of the potentially adverse environmental effects from metals are projected to occur during low water periods. In addition, increased water flows, particularly during summer, are expected to benefit listed fish species. We recommend that TCMC transfer its water rights from the beneficial uses of mining, domestic, industrial, irrigation and any other stated beneficial use during TCMC's use of the mine to the beneficial uses of fish habitat and/or minimum stream flows. This will ensure that in-stream benefits are maintained over the long term and that some future development in the project area cannot claim this water. We appreciate the fact that Idaho has water rights for a portion of S. Creek for fish propagation and believe that all parties should pursue additional water rights for fish restoration. Should the BLM no longer needs the water rights for stock watering in the project area, these should also be reassigned toward fish recovery. This transfer of water rights would also be consistent with TCMC's wetlands mitigation work and the purpose of the conservation easements along S. Creek and Thompson Creek.	WTR	See the response to Comment 664.49. The transfer, change in beneficial use, or reassignment of water rights, either those held by TCMC or by BLM, is outside of the scope of this EIS.	
664	664.60	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We want to highlight the fact that low summer base flows are a limiting factor for fish species in Thompson Creek and S. Creek and that additional in stream flows would help address this. Many climate models predict reduced summer flows. Agricultural diversions could also be redirected with benefits for fish. The tributary streams to the Salmon River also may serve as thermal refugia for bull trout, Chinook salmon and steelhead. Because such a transfer will require advance coordination with the Idaho Dep't of Water Resources and the Idaho Water Resource Board, TCMC should initiate conversations with the IDWR and the IWRB as early as possible.	WTR	See the response to Comments 664.49. The transfer, change in beneficial use, or reassignment of water rights, either those held by TCMC or by BLM, is outside of the scope of this EIS. No such transfers are currently proposed, so conversations with IDWR and IWRB on that subject are not currently relevant.	

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664	664.61	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We appreciate the use of three groundwater cutoff walls at the base of Pat Hughes waste rock dump but are concerned that high rates of snowmelt appear to initiate acid generation with the waste dump (EIS, p. 3-80 and 85): "The year 2003 is considered to be the onset of perennial ARD conditions from the Pat Hughes WRSF. (EIS, p. 85)." We are also concerned that water may be leaking from the Pat Hughes sedimentation pond into the groundwater (EIS, p. 3-79). Of added concern is the apparent high permeability of the bedrock, allowing for mixing between shallow and intermediate groundwater flows. Furthermore, it appears that "some seepage from the Pat Hughes WRSF passes under the collection system and eventually reaches Thompson Creek, but apparently with no discernible effect of the water quality of Thompson Creek." (EIS, p. 3-79). Depending on the amount of water, the degree of contaminants, and where this water surfaces, this could represent a violation of Idaho's antidegradation laws. Furthermore, the total load of COCs is expected to increase under Alternative M3. Additional information is needed on both the current and potential future seepage rates and the quality of the groundwater. In addition to the three groundwater cutoff walls, additional groundwater monitoring, capture and pumpback wells should also added to prevent and/or capture seepage below the Pat Hughes waste dump.	WTR	It is correct that infiltration through the waste rock generates ARD, which is why the mine will install the cutoff walls, which they have determined to be the most effective way to capture the ARD for treatment and disposal. Table 3.6-18, which you cite for hydraulic conductivity through the several geologic formations, does not show a K value for volcanic rock, which is what Cutoff Wall #1 would be keyed into, and which has a K value approximately an order of magnitude lower than the metasedimentary rock (8.24x10⁻⁷ ft/s – Table 4.2-11, Lorax 2012a). This will be added to Table 3.6-18 for the FEIS. Under the agency-preferred alternative (M2) the sediment pond would be removed and covered by non-acid generating rock as part of the advancing front of the facility. With the cutoff walls in place, the amount of mine-influenced water escaping the management facilities reaches the goals of meeting anti-degradation and NPDES standards where appropriate, as estimated in Section 4.6 using conservative assumptions.	The TCM Adaptive Groundwater Management Plan (Lorax 2012b) recommends increased monitoring following operations as well as the goals of the monitoring program, which include "To manage the risk of unanticipated groundwater conditions." Should additional management be required to maintain or improve water quality, management contingencies for Pat Hughes, in addition to the underdrain system and cutoff walls, "may include the placement of either of the following within the vicinity of the cutoff walls: a slurry wall, a permeable reactive barrier, or pumping wells."
664	664.62	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We are also concerned about the lack of alternatives in the DEIS with respect to primary issues. This is an extremely complex project with many complicated and interacting variables. We point out that the Blackfoot Bridge Mine had 3 different action alternatives that were fully developed and 15 other alternatives that were considered but not fully developed. Other examples of EIS documents, with a more full range of alternatives, include the Montanore Mine SDEIS in Montana, which included three fully developed mine alternatives, and another four alternatives for location of the transmission line, and the Rock Creek Mine (SDEIS), which included four fully developed alternatives, and multiple alternatives that were evaluated, but not fully developed. Additional alternatives are required because the modeling provided in the EIS predicts spikes of a variety of Contaminants of Concern (COCs) in Thompson Creek, Squaw Creek or the Salmon River under a range of flow conditions and for prolonged periods of time that would result in numerous violations of Idaho's antidegradation and/or federal Clean Water Act regulations (CWA Section 313 and 228). In our own scoping comments, we had suggested that the BLM develop additional alternatives that are more protective of water quality in both near and long term and that will further minimize the need for post-closure water treatment. We believe that there are lessons learned from the Blackfoot Bridge mine that may be pertinent here and that a further discussion of covers, caps, and Geosynthetic Clay Laminate Liners is needed. In addition, the long-term stability of the Tailings Storage Facility is of tremendous concern to us and we believe that additional clarification and analysis is needed here. As all the proposed action alternatives result in Water Quality Standard exceedances or degradations of Tier II streams, the BLM needs to develop alternatives that are actually consistent with state and federal regulations.	ALT	The project involves an existing mine and supporting infrastructure with a fixed ore body with a specified rate of production in a worldwide economic environment that does not allow options such as mining underground versus open pit or moving the mine to another location. In general, the mine would simply operate (at the same production rate) for longer than originally anticipated. In addition, most of the mine is on private land. Consequently, the Federal decision space is rather limited for the project, e.g., where to place some additional waste rock and tailings, whether a 404 permit should be issued for additional fill in several acres of wetlands, and where to relocate a power line. No reasonable alternatives to those in the EIS were identified through internal and external scoping, the supporting scientific studies, or the public comment period for the DEIS. The NEPA requires a proposed action and a no action alternative. For example, the recent EIS for the Hycroft Mine expansion evaluated two alternatives: no action and proposed action. The TCM EIS also evaluates not a new mine but a mine expansion with a similar time frame as the Hycroft Mine expansion.	However, the TCM expansion would not increase the workforce and would have only 1/3 of the additional surface disturbance of the Hycroft Mine expansion. There is otherwise no minimum number of alternatives, the more of which greatly increase the size of a NEPA document typically without allowing for better decisions. The EIS summarizes some of the more substantial alternatives that were considered but not fully analyzed (Section 2.1.7), and the administrative record documents the full range of alternatives considered for the project. Throughout the project the agencies have encouraged the public to suggest specific, feasible, meaningful alternatives.

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664	664.63	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	Regarding Buckskin Creek, we appreciate that the groundwater flow patterns appear to serve as a hydraulic trap, but are interested in knowing the possibility for the groundwater flow rates to change into the future. The Buckskin waste storage facility does have the potential for acid mine generation at some point in the future and warrants additional monitoring than proposed. Adequate groundwater monitoring, capture and pumpback wells should also be considered to capture seepage below the Buckskin waste dumps. Additional groundwater monitoring is needed, particularly at springs that occur on the site and at different times of the year.	WTR	Groundwater flow rates will, of course, continue to fluctuate seasonally and interannually. Best estimates of average flow are presented in Section 3.6 of the EIS. Interannual flows from the Buckskin drainage are presented in Table 2.2-8 of the Water Management Plan (Lorax 2012a). The TCM Adaptive Groundwater Management Plan (Lorax 2012b) recommends increased monitoring following operations as well as the goals of the monitoring program, which include "To manage the risk of unanticipated groundwater conditions." Should additional management be required to maintain or improve water quality, management contingencies for Buckskin, in addition to the underdrain system and cutoff wall, would include "installation of a slurry wall or permeable reactive barrier; or installation of a secondary collection system at the base of the Buckskin drainage in the vicinity of station BUCK."	
664	664.64	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	With the expansion of the tailings storage facility, we are concerned about the loss of wetlands, floodplains, riparian and fish 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 and are concerned that this 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.	WET	There would be a loss of wetlands and stream channel under the MMPO action alternatives. These effects are discussed in Section 4.9 and the mitigation for these effects, required by the USACE and in accordance with the CWA, is discussed in Section 4.21.4.	
664	664.65	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We understand that a population of westslope cutthroat trout in Upper Bruno Creek that were isolated by the tailings facility were recently extirpated. We believe that there is value in reestablishing and maintaining a fish population in this isolated waterway. We understand that Bruno Creek will be engineered to flow across the surface or along the side of the reclaimed tailings facility. We recommend designing the reclamation and closure plan so that fish habitat is restored across the surface or along the side of the tailings storage facility. We understand the importance of keeping surface water from infiltrating the tailings facility so some form of liner will be required. Actually reestablishing fish would likely entail engineering a riverbed capable of supporting macroinvertebrates, providing in-stream structures for fish habitat, placing sufficient growth media to support riparian vegetation without compromising the tailings cap, planting riparian vegetation for shade, and transferring native westslope cutthroat trout from lower Bruno or S. Creek into this upper drainage. We understand that reconnecting fish passage across the face of the tailings facility may be challenging but is still worth investigating. It is unclear whether the reclaimed tailings facility will have any discharge to middle or lower Bruno Creek, which could affect the quality of the water for fish. Reestablishing a fish population in an isolated area is an insurance policy in the event that a stochastic event wipes out a nearby population. The isolated population can then be used to repopulate the extirpated area. The discovery of an isolated Lahontan cutthroat population has enabled the recovery of a population to a significant portion of its historic range where it had formerly been considered extinct. Using native fish species with a unique genetics that evolved with this particular environment is important. In addition, successfully reestablishing a fish population in Upper Bruno Creek and around the tailings facility would be groundbreaking from a mine reclamation perspective and a conservation biology perspective. Aquatic insects, amphibians, birds and mammals would also benefit from the improved habitat.	FISH	The reclaimed tailings facility is not intended to discharge to middle or lower Bruno Creek, rather any seepage from the embankment is to be captured at the Seepage Return Dam and pumped to the pit (later treated and discharged to the Salmon River). Only under the conservative upper estimates for water quality is it assumed that some portion of embankment seepage would enter Bruno Creek (currently all seepage is captured at the Seepage Return Dam and pumped back to the mill. See Sections 4.6.1.1 and 4.8.1.1 of the EIS). Regarding reestablishment of westslope cutthroat trout in upper Bruno Creek and within the engineered channel on top of the tailings storage facility, although it is a worthwhile goal and would benefit multiple species, there are limitations on designing a channel suitable for the purpose per IDWR Dam Safety statutory mandate (IC 42.1709-1721). The full discussion regarding these limitations is provided in Chapter 7 - Response to Comments, Section 7.2.9.	

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664	664.66	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	The DEIS states that biological surveys for active bird nests and avoidance plans would be developed before these areas are disturbed. However, we point out that the purpose of NEPA is to disclose and address impacts to the public before a decision is reached. As such, we are concerned that this represents a NEPA violation and recommend that the BLM commence these surveys in advance of finalizing the ROD: "NEPA is not designed to postpone analysis of an environmental consequence to the last possible moment. Rather, it is designed to require such analysis as soon as it can reasonably be done. See <i>Save Our Ecosystems v. Clark</i>, 747 F.2d 1240, 1246 n. 9 (9th Cir.1984) ("Reasonable forecasting and speculation is ... implicit in NEPA, and we must reject any attempt by agencies to shirk their responsibilities under NEPA by labeling any and all discussion of future environmental effects as 'crystal ball inquiry,'" quoting <i>Scientists' Inst. for Pub. Info., Inc. v. Atomic Energy Comm'n</i>, 481 F.2d 1079, 1092 (D.C.Cir.1973))."	WLF	Avoidance plans are most effectively done at the time of construction and not before, because they are specific to each nest and nest locations change with each nesting season. The impact analysis regarding migratory birds is not based on the number of nests found or the particular species present, but the fact that any nests found will be avoided to the most practicable extent. The impact analysis regarding migratory birds is based on the highly likely scenario that all nests found prior to construction would be successfully avoided. However, some direct, residual impacts to nesting birds while avoidance plans are in place may occur within the construction zone and these were not clearly stated in the DEIS. These impacts were discussed in the FEIS . Note that these impacts would not differ under the alternatives and will not likely change the overall analysis for migratory birds.	
664	664.67	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We appreciate the plans to restore riparian areas and wetlands where feasible. Regarding the waste rock and tailings facilities, we recommend adding clusters of logs and/or rocks to serve as habitat for pikas and other animals. We note that pikas are a Forest Service sensitive species. This technique has been used with some success in phosphate mine reclamation.	WLF	WRSFs provide suitable pika habitat as they exist (and accumulate) and supplementation of these areas with more rocks or logs would be unnecessary. WRSFs that currently provide pika habitat (and are occupied by pikas) will remain in place until mining ceases, at which point they will be covered and will no longer provide suitable habitat, as stated in the DEIS. Suitable pika habitat over the long term may be provided by reclamation of rocky slope areas, as stated in the DEIS. The overall goal of the reclamation plan is to reclaim the mine site to support wildlife habitats similar to those which occur adjacent to the site. The tailings facilities do not currently provide pika habitat (i.e., suitable rock piles or scree) and in light of pika use of the WRSFs and planned reclamation targets for rocky slope areas, the tailings facility is not a practical focus of pika habitat supplementation efforts.	
664	664.68	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We appreciate the development of a suite of alternatives regarding the land exchange issue but are not convinced that the exchange is of fair and equal value given the disparity in acreage and may be in violation of FLPMA. We ask that the BLM reassess these to make sure the exchange is based on fair-market values and in the public interest.	LAND	A land exchange under the FLPMA must be made on the basis of equal fair market value, and not area. The determination of fair market value is an administrative matter and will be determined by formal appraisal. A land exchange must be in the overall public interest, and the ROD for any land exchange alternative will provide the rationale for such determination.	

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664	664.69	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	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 reconstructing and reengineering these routes, developing alternative routes to access this property, and potentially closing the existing routes or converting them to trails.	TRAN	There only stream crossed by the north-south access road through the ranch is one ford over Lyon Creek, and the effects of sediment from this road are evaluated in the EIS. The road does not contribute meaningful sediment to the Salmon River due to the compacted nature of the road surface, the relatively far distance of nearly all of the road from the Salmon River, the lack of streams between the road the Salmon River, and the relatively flat agricultural fields between the road and the Salmon River. However, as noted in the EIS, the BLM may adjust the grade of the road and realign the road as appropriate, e.g., the section of the road between the Lyon Creek Bridge and Lyon Creek could be moved farther from the Salmon River. The BLM would require the north-south access road be in good condition as a condition of title transfer, and would thereafter maintain the road to BLM standards.	
664	664.70	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	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.	TRAN	Under the land exchange action alternatives the bridge would be donated to Custer County by TCMC. However, the BLM will ask the Custer County Commissioners to consider allowing the bridge to be used by the public on foot or on bicycles.	
664	664.71	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	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 while allowing high quality non-motorized opportunities in the field office.	TRAN	Alternative L2-B evaluates eliminating livestock use of the upper Lyon Creek meadow as well as of the rest of the ranch. The BLM desires the option of administrative access by vehicle on the existing Lyon Creek Road, e.g., maintenance of fences, water improvements, response to unforeseen events, etc. However, the effects of motorized (Alternative L2-B) and non-motorized (Alternative L2) use of the road were added to the EIS, e.g., sediment from motorized use of the ford (motorized use by the public of the rest of the road would not contribute any meaningful sediment to Lyon Creek, i.e., only tiny amounts of minute particles from fugitive dust).	
664	664.72	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	If the land exchange proceeds, we believe that a mineral withdrawal for any acquired property such as the Broken Wing Ranch should be mandatory. As such, the best case scenario is for the TCMC to donate the mineral estate to the BLM. We would like to have additional assurances that the BLM would not open the estate to mineral entry in the future. The BLM should also make an RMP amendment which designates this area as a Research Natural Area, Special Resource Management Area, or some other complimentary protection that precludes non-conforming mineral development.	GEO	TCMC is expected to donate the mineral estates of the offered lands to the BLM to preclude mineral entry. If the BLM decides to open the offered lands to mineral entry in the future, the BLM would need to conduct the appropriate NEPA analysis. Special designations of the offered lands are outside the scope of the project, which is to determine if the BLM will obtain title of the offered lands in exchange for giving title of the selected land to TCMC. If the US acquires the offered lands, the issue of special designations for the lands would most appropriately be raised during the periodic land use planning for the BLM field offices administering the offered lands.	

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664	664.73	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We believe that additional analysis is needed on how the Broken Wing Ranch may be managed under BLM administration. We believe there is potential for meaningful public benefits but that significant restoration work will first be needed in order to realize these.	LAND	The EIS provides the details of two ranch management subalternatives sufficient for the BLM to make an informed decision on the land exchange proposal and the other alternatives. Internal and external scoping, the supporting scientific studies, and the public comment period for the DEIS did not provide feasible new ranch management subalternatives or key modifications to the subalternatives, e.g., specific restoration projects other than those identified in the EIS. The FEIS will identify Alternative L2 as the preferred management subalternative, and will include additional information about standard ranching and agricultural activities that could occur on the ranch.	
664	664.74	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	The BLM should also make an RMP amendment which designates this area as a Research Natural Area, Special Resource Management Area, or some other complimentary protection that precludes non-conforming mineral development.	LUR	An RMP amendment to designate the ranch as an RNA, SRMA, or other An RMP amendment for a special designation is not being proposed at this time. There is no non-conforming mineral development proposed or considered for the ranch.	
664	664.75	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We point out that one of the driving reasons for this exchange is the fact that the TCM area is not and will likely never be managed for multiple uses in the future in the same way it was available prior to mining. While some uses such as livestock grazing can be accommodated, this area will permanently characterized as a mineral development project. It would be entirely inappropriate for "offsets" to benefit displaced multiple uses to also be converted for mineral development, which again would exclude most other uses. We believe that the Broken Wing Ranch is of greater public benefit than the Garden Creek Property and advise the BLM to prioritize that property and the Lyon Creek/Graham Field Meadow in particular.	LAND	If selection of Alternatives L4 or L5 was necessary to achieve equal valuation, the Garden Creek property would be removed from the transaction first followed by parcels of the ranch. The parcels with the highest resource values would be prioritized to stay in the transaction.	
664	664.76	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We understand that liability concerns may preclude the BLM and/or Custer County from allowing public vehicles on the Lyon Creek Bridge. However, we believe that this bridge could be maintained for pedestrian public access. We point out the benefits of the historic Guffey Bridge near Celebration Park within the Morley Nelson Snake River Birds of Prey National Conservation Area. We would advocate for an easement or similar arrangement in this case. We do not support motorized public access across this bridge.	TRAN	Under the land exchange action alternatives the bridge would be donated to Custer County by TCMC. However, the BLM will ask the Custer County Commissioners to consider allowing the bridge to be used by the public on foot or on bicycles. Comment noted.	
664	664.77	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We believe that alternative L2-B, which actively restore native habitat, best meets the long-term public interest and the specific purposes of the exchange. We believe that the public values of the Broken Wing Ranch area are best served by retiring livestock grazing in the area. The EIS provides a fairly stark but accurate portrayal of livestock grazing in the larger cumulative effects study area	LAND	Comment noted. The BLM-preferred alternative is L2 rather than L2-B because one of the BLM's desires is to maintain the agricultural uses of the ranch. Grazing strategies would be altered, however, to protect the riparian area adjacent to the Salmon River.	
664	664.78	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We believe that there are some unique opportunities within both the offered and selected lands to retire grazing allotments where it is likely to result in improved water quality and fish and wildlife habitat. We point out that livestock grazing will be allowed to continue within much the selected lands affected by mining operations. As such, we do not support any livestock grazing in the Broken Wing Ranch area. One exception might be the targeted and carefully-managed use of goats to reduce noxious weeds, provided that adequate separation from bighorn sheep can be guaranteed.	RNG	The retirement of grazing allotments is not under consideration for the selected or offered lands. Under the preferred Alternative (L2) grazing would continue but would be managed to provide protection to natural resources.	
664	664.79	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	One of the reasons for the land exchange was that, with the exception of mining and livestock grazing, other multiple uses could not be readily accommodated within the project area. These include the prioritization of fish and wildlife habitat, particularly for listed fish species. Within the offered lands, there are a number of activities that can harm fish and fish habitat. These include livestock grazing in riparian areas, agricultural practices such as irrigation that can reduce stream flows, Off Highway Vehicle use in sensitive areas, and the ford across Lyon Creek for motorized vehicle access. If the selected areas are going to be dedicated to mining infrastructure over fish habitat (particularly the unrecoverable stretches of Bruno Creek, Buckskin Creek, Pat Hughes Creek), then the offered areas need to be prioritized for fish and wildlife recovery.	LAND	The BLM must generally administer land for multiple uses, and to the overall benefit of the public considering factors that vary from recreation to socioeconomic concerns. The fact that one area of land is primarily used for mining, livestock grazing, recreation, or the protection of cultural resources does not require than an equivalent amount of land be administered by the BLM for an offsetting use.	

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664	664.80	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	While we greatly appreciate conservation easements on portions of Squaw and Thompson Creeks, we note that other stretches of the selected lands, including riparian areas, have been and will be permanently converted to mine infrastructure and buried under expanding waste rock facilities or tailings storage facilities, in direct contradiction to the Challis 1999 RMP: "Retain public lands under BLM administration unless the receiving parties agree to continue to maintain or restore (if degraded) and permanently maintain floodplains and wetland functions" (BLM Challis RMP, 1999, p. 33) and "Riparian areas, floodplains, and wetlands transferred out of public ownership would contain covenant language in the deed to protect the wetland resource values from degradation (BLM Challis RMP, 1999, p. 34). As such, we are concerned that the proposed land exchange is inconsistent with the direction of the Challis RMP 1999. Ways to possibly address this include prioritizing the offered lands for fish, riparian, floodplains, and wetlands and for TCMC to conduct additional restoration activities on site in advance of the exchange.	LAND	The DEIS is also a draft "Resource Management Plan Amendment" to allow the disposal of the selected land and amend the Challis RMP accordingly, e.g., Section 1.7.	
664	664.81	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We fully support the active restoration of the cultivated fields back into native vegetation and advise that it may take more than three years. The irrigation system should be upgraded and utilized as need for this restoration process. Upon the successful restoration of native vegetation, the irrigation facilities should be removed, water rights should be reallocated to benefit for fish recovery, and the in-stream water flows should increase.	LAND	Comment noted. If Alternative L2-B were selected, the irrigation system would be upgraded if necessary and the process would be maintained until native vegetation was established. Following the establishment of native vegetation, the facilities would be removed; however, it is unknown if the water rights would be, or could be, reallocated. The reallocation of water rights would be considered by the BLM under a future NEPA analysis.	
664	664.82	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We disagree with L2-B on one important issue, however. We do not believe that motorized access in the Lyon Creek drainage to near the western edge of the BWR-1 is justified or consistent with fish and water quality goals. According to one ICL member, the Graham Field Meadow is "one of the prettiest places in Idaho" and is particularly well-suited for wildlife watching. Activities such as motorized recreation should only be accommodated where compatible with fish and wildlife recovery. Under Alternative L2B the additional vehicle crossing the Lyon Creek ford would cause additional turbidity and sediment deposition for approximately 50 feet downstream." (EIS p. 4-115). As such, we do not believe that public motorized use into Graham Creek is justified but can support administrative use of a UTV across a bridge if warranted for restoration and management purposes.	LAND	Under the FLPMA and other laws the BLM has administrative access to all BLM land as necessary to administer the land, and the BLM desires the option of using the Lyon Creek Road with whatever vehicle or equipment might be deemed necessary for official business. Regarding motorized public access in the Lyon Creek drainage, the effects of such are documented in the DEIS (e.g., pp. 4-26, 4-96, 4-115, 4-167) sufficient for the BLM to make an informed decision on the matter.	
664	664.83	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We do have concerns about the development of a campground or park on the Broken Wing Ranch by the Idaho Department of Parks and Recreation or other agency for profit. We are particularly concerned about impacts to cultural resources from developments and recreational use in the area. 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 drive-in campground should be on the river right or east side of the Salmon River and not on the west side. We recommend developing only a small, dispersed camping area outside of sensitive areas, similar to the Bayhorse camping area on Highway 93. We also recommend the consideration of a few walk-in campsites where visitors park their vehicles and walk in a few hundred yards to a designated tent camping area.	LUR	The development of a recreation site on the ranch would require additional NEPA analysis, which would include evaluation of the effects to cultural resources and perhaps more detailed evaluation of the effects to transportation beyond that on p. 4-167, and consideration of other recreation sites in the cumulative effects analysis. The comments regarding the nature of the recreation site would be considered during the development of alternatives in the NEPA analysis.	
664	664.84	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	The BLM analyzed only two action alternatives for the Modified Mine Plan of Operations, M2 and M3, with the difference being the development of an additional mine waste rock storage facility (waste rock dump) in No Name Creek in Alternative M2. This alternative was developed because of the potential cost savings of utilizing a closer dump area and one that is down gradient for haul trucks. This alternative would also reduce the final size of the Pat Hughes and Buckskin dumps which are already in use and have the capacity to expand. However, a new waste dump as described in M3 would adversely impact an undeveloped valley, bury an additional 5,563 feet of waters of the United States in No Name Creek and require significant new infrastructure for water management that would need to be maintained. As such, we do not support M3. We note that this alternative does little to address the suite of pertinent issues raised by the BLM on page 1-26 to 1-38 and that the effects comparison table ES-1 shows very few differences between Alternative M2 and Alternative M3. In fact, we note that the Thompson Creek Mining Company's Clean Water Act Section 404(b)(1), Appendix 2A) states the following: "In comparing the two action alternatives (M2 and M3), neither stands out as the least environmentally damaging practicable alternative (LEDPA) for the tailings impoundment expansion element of the proposed action. Since all of the alternatives would result in similar impacts, but Alternative M2 has fewer wetland and stream impacts than the Alternative M3, M2 is the preferred alternative. (Thompson Creek Mining Company Clean Water Act Section 404(b)(1) Alternatives Analysis, page 1, January 2014, DEIS Appendix 1.)"	ALT	Comments noted. Alternative M2 and Alternative M3 would have similar effects to water resources, but the differences between the alternatives are described in the EIS in Chapter 4 in more detail than the summary table. No reasonable other alternatives were identified through internal and external scoping, the supporting scientific studies, or the public comment period for the DEIS. The issues on pp. 1-26 to 1-28 were used to identify the effects to evaluate in the EIS, and are not a list of effects that must be mitigated. The EIS identifies mitigation where an effect could reasonably be mitigated.	

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664	664.85	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	A management plan for the entire property is needed and should be analyzed through an EA or EIS. This plan should examine the sustainability of designating the east or west side of the river as a non-motorized trail. The plan should prohibit cross-country motorized travel and designate trails for OHVs only if these trails can be sustainably managed. The need for a boat ramp needs to be assessed with respect to the availability and functionality of existing boat ramps.	LAND	The management subalternatives in the EIS are management plans sufficient for the BLM to make an informed decision regarding the land exchange alternatives, and provide sufficient detail for the BLM to administer the ranch according to either subalternative. No other key management provisions have been identified through internal and external scoping, the supporting scientific reports, or the public comment process for the DEIS. The DEIS was revised to note the options on the ranch of constructing foot trails such as along Sections of the Salmon River or to the historic Maraffio homestead. Where not specified otherwise in the EIS, the management of the ranch would be according to the Challis RMP and other applicable plans. For example, motorized travel would be limited to existing roads (except for activities on the irrigated fields such as plowing). The need for a boat ramp was identified during internal and external public scoping.	
664	664.86	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We fully support the utilization of the Broken Wing ranch facilities for a Boise State University field research station. In fact, we recommend that the Challis RMP be amended so that the acquired Broken Wing Ranch properties are designated as a Research Natural Area. The focus of this research area should be the study of active restoration of agricultural fields to native vegetation and of how anadromous fish recolonize restored habitat.	LUR	An RMP amendment for a special designation is not being considered at this time.	
664	664.87	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We appreciate the work that TCMC has already undertaken to improve the habitat on the Broken Wing Ranch, which has included the installation of a fish screen on one of the four diversions and increases in water efficiency of some of the irrigation systems, fencing along the Salmon River, and off-stream livestock watering systems. We support the implementation of the additional restoration projects described, including the removal of the pond and the repair of fences as needed. We also recommend that the following steps be taken at the Broken Wing Ranch: treating noxious weeds (Canada thistle, Russian knapweed, Musk thistle and Oxeye daisy), replacing of the ford with a bridge engineered for administrative use with a UTV, outfitting the remaining diversions with fish screens, and increasing other efficiencies in the irrigation system. We point out that irrigation water will likely be needed successful restoration of the upland habitat but that these irrigation features need to be decommissioned to allow for increased stream flows for fish. As such, investments in the irrigation system need to be weighed against the decommissioning of these same features in the near term. In order to best guarantee that the public receives these benefits, we recommend that TCMC complete these restoration projects in advance of the land exchange actually occurring.	LAND	Comments noted. Weeds at the ranch would be controlled by the operator according to standard BLM methods, and the effects of weeds on the ranch are evaluated in the EIS, e.g., Section 4.4.2. The DEIS was revised to note the option under general ranch management of installing a bridge over the Lyon Creek ford, installing screens on diversions, and a variety of actions that could improve the flow of Lyon Creek to the Salmon River and reduce the temperature of Lyon Creek. The implementation of such actions would depend on the results of ESA consultation, and some of the actions could be made as a condition of title transfer.	
664	664.88	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	Although Lyon Creek has clear benefits for fish, wildlife and the public, the EIS clearly states that, if restored and protected, the lower stretches of Squaw Creek and Thompson Creek have greater potential benefits for listed fish. As such, we believe that the public interest is best served by Alternative L5, Reduced Area Land Exchange, Easement. In this alternative, the BLM would hold 1,500 acres of selected lands in a conservation easement to ensure that restoration investments in these areas would be protected. In terms of the offered lands, we recommend prioritizing acquisition of the Graham Meadows and riparian/riverfront stretches of the Broken Wing Ranch over the other offered areas. We also recommend revisiting the proposed easement area on S. Creek and consider extending it north of the Easement Exclusion Area, through the Existing Mine Disturbance Area, past the Redbird Mine and the confluence of Redbird Creek to the proposed land exchange boundary (Figure 2.2-1). We also recommend that a baseline monitoring program be established to assess if Properly Functioning Condition Indicators are improving over time.	LAND	Comments noted. The BLM will make the determination of whether a land exchange would be in the overall public interest considering a wide variety of factors as required by the FLPMA. The effects to resources on the ranch are evaluated by parcel to allow the decision maker to prioritize the selection of parcels if the appraised fair market value of the selected land would not allow the US to obtain all of the ranch. The conservation easement and other stipulations and conditions are limited to the selected and offered lands. In the event of the selection of a land disposal action alternative, the BLM will consider the option of establishing properly functioning condition indicators as part of the administrative monitoring of the conservation easement for Thompson Creek and S. Creek.	

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664	664.89	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We appreciate the additional water quality monitoring sites at Redbird and Bruno Creeks. Given the interesting hydrological connection between the tailings facility and Redbird Creek, a groundwater monitoring well and pumpback station may be warranted where the active groundwater flow zone intercepts the high groundwater flow zone (See Figure 3.6-14).	WTR	The TCM Adaptive Groundwater Management Plan (Lorax 2012b) states as follows: "Contingency mitigation would be considered should breakthrough of metals be observed. Options for this mitigation may include: seepage collection, diversion and treatment; permeable reactive barrier; and/or pumping wells in the vicinity of the left abutment."	
664	664.90	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	Please place us on the mailing list to review and comment on the 404 permit. We currently have significant concerns about the failure to consider alternatives.	404	You have been placed on the USACE mailing list for the 404 permit.	
664	664.91	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	Additional information is needed regarding the parameters of the mixing zones and how NPDES conditions will be met. We note that the required Salmon River mixing zone ratio for NPDES Outfall 005 may not be met during certain low flow periods (EIS, p. 4-46), in violation of the NPDES permit. Although the EIS states that "isolated instances of instream water quality exceeding a numeric WQS, in and of themselves, may not be considered a violation of State law" (EIS, p. 4-42), the information presented in the EIS demonstrates a consistent pattern of predicted violations of Idaho's antidegradation law that is projected to continue beyond the foreseeable future.	WTR	IDEQ has the responsibility and authority for setting NPDES conditions. Mixing zone determinations are part of that process, and the current (carry over of an expired NPDES permit) conditions and the basis for them will be different from what the future analysis will entail. IDEQ has chosen not to speculate on the future mixing analysis or future permit conditions. The EIS analyzed two scenarios for the No Action and Proposed Action. They are only examples of future water quality under those very specific conditions. TCMC has committed to do whatever needs to be done to ensure that they meet whatever NPDES permit terms are eventually established.	
664	664.92	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We request the opportunity to review the proposed Points of Compliance for the Groundwater Quality Rule. Points of compliance should be on the near side of streams and valleys and as close to the boundary of the mine as practicable. We note that throughout the document are multiple examples of where predicted maximum concentrations of COCs results in exceedances of Idaho groundwater standards (see Table 4.6-25 for an example). In some area, groundwater flows reach 20+ feet per day with the result that contaminated groundwater will likely leave the project area in violation of the Idaho groundwater regulations for mining.	WTR	Estimated maximum concentrations are based on assumptions that are very conservative. In other words, they represent the upper extreme of a sensitivity analysis and, as such, represent conditions that are not expected to occur. That said, they give mine engineers a target condition for which they can design mitigation contingencies. Points of compliance are developed in conjunction with the IDEQ and are not part of this NEPA analysis. They allow mining operations to meet groundwater water quality standards outside the mine area rather than directly under it.	

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664	664.93	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	The Power line (both retained and relocated segments) should be inspected to ensure that there is no risk of electrocution to raptors and modified if needed.	WLF	Existing power lines at the mine do not appear to be posing a threat to raptors. The most recent Avian Power Line Interaction Committee (APLIC) guidelines state that existing structures should be modified when 1) dead or injured protected birds are found, 2) where high-risk lines are identified, or 3) concerns of legal compliance are at issue. Current power line schematics and new construction plans will be reviewed to ensure the distance between conductors is less than the wingspan or height of a typical raptor at the mine and that hardware or equipment cases are not in close proximity to energized equipment, as described in APLIC (2005). Avian Power Line Interaction Committee (APLIC). 2005. Avian Protection Plan Guidelines. A joint document prepared by Edison Electric Institute's Avian Power Line Interaction Committee and US Fish and Wildlife Service. April 2005. Available online at http://www.aplic.org .	
664	664.94	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We appreciate that the current transportation and fuel haul plan is designed to reduce accidents and spills and understand that no changes are proposed. However, we believe it is always useful to reexamine systems and procedures to see if there are improvements to be added. For example, there are improvements in technologies related to braking systems, sensors that can alert drivers to icy conditions, cameras that drivers can use when backing up, and ways to deter big game from roadways. There may also be ways to further improve carpooling services to minimize individual vehicle trips or to improve the fuel efficiency of the onsite vehicle fleet. Likewise, there have been improvements in fuel haul planning for other projects that are relevant to this one. We refer to the Petroleum Risk Assessment and Risk Reduction Procedures, Golden Meadows Exploration Project Valley County, Idaho in Appendix C. While we still believe that improvements in this particular plan are needed, there are several design features which are pertinent to this project. These include the use of SPOT messengers, pilot cars, triggers, and communications plans to prevent accidents and facilitate spill cleanup. The BLM and TCMC should use this current opportunity to revisit these issues and incorporate changes in the MPOO.	TRAN	Comment noted. TCMC continually evaluates their transportation plans to ensure maximum safety and efficiency. TCMC works to prevent vehicle accidents at the mine through behavioral awareness safety training, speed controls, road design, traffic pattern analysis and adjustment, warning signs, vehicle maintenance, establishing clear employee responsibilities, monetary incentive programs, etc. (TCMC 1996).	
664	664.95	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	The BLM identified 17 major issues related to the MMPO (Modified Mining Plan of Operations) and indicators related to each so that the BLM could assess the significance of the potential effects...In spite of having identified this list of pertinent, major issues, the DEIS does not present or develop alternatives to address any one of these issues beyond the proposed action alternative, M2. Alternative M3 appears designed primarily to address profitability. While economic practicality is a factor that the BLM should consider, the BLM is not mandated to develop the most profitable alternative for the company. As such, the BLM needs to develop additional alternatives to address the substantive issues. In fact, NEPA regulations also require that environmental impacts "shall be discussed in proportion to their significance." 40 C.F.R. § 1502.2(b). "Significance" is measured in terms of context and intensity and includes "[w]hether the action threatens a violation of Federal, State, or local law or requirements imposed for the protection of the environment." 40 C.F.R. § 1508.27(b)(10). See <i>WildEarth Guardians v. Salazar</i>, 880 F.Supp.2d 77, 93 (D.D.C. 2012)(Section 1508.27(b) (10) requires that an EIS analyze compliance with "laws imposed for the protection of the environment"). See also <i>Coal. on Sensible Transp. Inc. v. Dole</i>, 642 F.Supp. 573, 590 (D.D.C.1986) (characterizing 40 C.F.R. § 1508.27(b)(10) as "require[ing] consideration of whether a project threatens a violation of federal, state, or local environmental laws."), <i>aff'd</i>, 826 F.2d 60 (D.C.Cir.1987). The current action alternatives fail to comply with necessary water quality protective requirements.	ALT	No reasonable other alternatives were identified through internal and external scoping, the supporting scientific studies, or the public comment period for the DEIS. The issues on pp. 1-26 to 1-28 were used to identify the effects to evaluate in the EIS, and are not a list of effects that must be mitigated or for which alternatives must be generated.	
664	664.96	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	The EIS states that the Buckskin sedimentation pond currently leaks and will be lined in the future. It is unclear when this renovation will happen, what type of liner will be used, and what type of monitoring system will be in place to assess the effectiveness of the liner. We recommend that TCMC line the pond as a required component before the project proceeds. The BLM should require a monitoring, capture and pump back system in the event of a leak.	MMPO	It will not be lined. The decision not to line the pond was made because when the cutoff wall is installed impacted flow water would be piped around the pond. There is no monitoring of leakage from the ponds and no plans to monitor, as all mine impacted water would not be routed through the ponds but rather be put into the Thompson Creek pipeline and pumped to the site for fresh water (Doughty 2014).	

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664	664.97	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	The DEIS states that the water management system would be decommissioned in phases but does not describe the sequence of events or how the Buckskin and Pat Hughes sedimentation ponds may be handled.	WTR	As stated in Chapter 2 "The fate of the Buckskin and Pat Hughes sedimentation ponds would be decided based on water quality monitoring/effectiveness of the groundwater cutoff walls..." Thus, these details will be determined later, in the reclamation plan that will need further approvals from the BLM and IDL.	
664	664.98	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	The BLM and TCMC should also examine whether there are ways to further improve the energy efficiencies on site.	ANC	The issue of energy efficiency was not identified during internal or external scoping, and no reasonable alternatives with material effects to energy efficiency were identified through internal and external scoping (JBR 2011), the supporting scientific studies, or the public comment period for the DEIS.	
664	664.99	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We understand that with the selection of M2, it will take approximately 30 years post-closure for the pit lake to rise to the maximum allowable level. We are concerned about the exposure of acid-generating materials in the pit wall for this duration of time (30 years for Phase 7 and 70 years for Phase 8). In addition, significant portions of the pit wall would remain above high water permanently. The DEIS notes that long-term weathering of the pit slope would continue above the water level. We are also concerned about the new exposure of material from slumping during this time. The BLM should examine if there is a way to accelerate the filling of the pit if this would reduce the probability of acid formation. The BLM should also describe the final depth of the pit lake, what type of seasonal stratification is expected, and how this may affect the chemistry of the water. It is also unclear how the increasing water pressure in the rising pit lake will affect groundwater flows and groundwater quality. We are concerned that there appears to be substantial groundwater movement between rock formations (EIS, p. 3-72). The EIS points out that pit water may eventually flow into Buckskin Creek, Pat Hughes Creek or Thompson Creek. We believe additional studies are warranted and that monitoring wells and points of compliance should be selected to further study this.	WTR	As described in the Water Resources Technical Report prepared for this EIS, Lorax prepared a detailed model of the pit lake, which takes into account accelerated filling in the early years. In addition to projecting the pit fill rate, the evolution of pit lake water quality has been predicted. Water quality in the pit as it fills would be the cumulative water quality from all sources, modified by lime treatment of the waste rock facility seepages, the interactions of those waters among themselves and with the rock exposed in the pit. Lorax (2011h) provides a detailed discussion of the eventual water quality of each of those sources and how they were derived. Further, the effect of stratification on water quality was considered and pit lake chemistry at the surface, at depth, and fully mixed was considered. Last, the EIS disclosed that the final pit lake surface elevation would be 7,030 feet (Section 4.6) and that the final pit bottom would be at an elevation of 6,350 feet. By subtraction, this maximum lake depth would be 680 feet.	All modeling performed on the pit lake as described in the TCM Groundwater Flux Estimates; Approach and Methodology (Appendix B, Lorax 2012a) indicated that the lake would be either a groundwater sink (i.e., groundwater would move into the pit and not out of it), or it would flow into the Buckskin drainage where it would be captured by the water management facilities in place there. Proposed mitigation and contingencies included in the TCM Adaptive Groundwater Management Plan (Lorax 2012b) include groundwater monitoring for both water quality and groundwater flow gradients into and out of the pit. Contingency measures include maintaining a lower pit lake maximum elevation to increase flow gradients into the pit; installation of a slurry cut-off wall along the pit highwall; or installation and operation of dewatering wells along the pit wall periphery.

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664	664.100	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	As mentioned in our scoping comments, 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 and to have a contingency plan to treat water in perpetuity after mine closure. We are particularly concerned about adverse impacts to wildlife and request a full evaluation of the pit lake water. The current alternatives do not address this issue. The BLM needs to describe what mitigation measures will be used to ensure that birds and wildlife are protected if the water quality does not meet predictions.	WLF	As stated in the EIS, none of the maximum concentrations of constituents in contaminated waters predicted over the long term exceed the screening concentrations for birds or mammals (which include bioaccumulation factors; Table 4.7-1 in the EIS). Further, wildlife are not expected to use the WRSFs, TSF, SRD ponds, or the pit lake regularly for drinking water due to the presence of several uncontaminated water sources (i.e., streams) around the mine. Regarding the pit lake, The pit will operate as a wastewater storage facility and does not need to meet water quality standards. Lorax (2011h) prepared a detailed model of the pit lake that includes the prediction of pit lake water quality from each input source and how the predictions were derived. In general, there will be uncertainty associated with any prediction of water quality in both the short and long terms and additional evaluation will not eliminate the uncertainty. Further, NEPA does not require a worst-case analysis. Mitigation and adaptive management are described in the EIS.	
664	664.101	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We are also concerned about the eventual configuration of the pit lake shores. We are concerned about mammals falling into the pit and becoming trapped. We recommend the retention of benches and (decompacted) haul roads to serve as exits. Eventually, pit wall sloughing and mass wasting will likely convert the benches and haul roads into talus slopes, but these will still be usable as egress points. The BLM needs to weigh in the risks of these egress points promoting access to contaminated waters.	WLF	Under current plans, benches will be retained for wildlife to exit the pit lake. Use of the pit lake by wildlife, however, is not expected to be more than occasional, as stated in the EIS. BLM and TCMC will weigh the costs and benefits of establishing additional egress points for wildlife if use of the pit lake occurs more frequently than expected.	
664	664.102	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We note an inconsistency regarding the final configuration of the open pit. Page 2-27 of the DEIS states that the open pit would be fenced but page 2-30 states that the fence would not be installed.	GEN	Comment noted.	
664	664.103	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	The BLM should examine the effects of both fencing and not fencing this pit and what type of fencing should be most appropriate. We would recommend a similar design to fences used to divert elk and deer around roadways. These fences have one-way ramps placed every few hundred yards which enable big game to climb up the ramp but discourage animals from going the other direction. Such a design could be helpful around the pit to discourage animals from entering the area but allowing egress if needed.	WLF	Currently no fence will be installed around the open pit. Controlled access to the pit, including signage, is planned for the benefit of human visitors, as wildlife use of the pit is not expected to be more than occasional, as stated in the DEIS. BLM and TCMC will address the costs and benefits of additional access control and egress measures if wildlife use of the pit lake occurs more frequently than expected.	
664	664.104	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	The EIS must demonstrate that the pit lake will meet water quality standards in perpetuity, and what mitigation measures will be taken if water quality in the lake does not meet standards.	WTR	The pit will operate as a wastewater storage facility and does not need to meet water quality standards. Any water discharged from the pit to the Salmon River will be treated as described in the EIS so that NPDES permit limits are met.	

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664	664.105	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	In particular, the EIS must demonstrate that the mine would comply with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA), 16 U.S.C. §§ 703-712, the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA), 16 U.S.C. §§ 668-668d, or Executive Order 13186 (January 11, 2001) (requiring protection of migratory birds).	WLF	As stated in the Response to Comment 664.75, none of the maximum concentrations of constituents in contaminated waters predicted over the long term exceed the screening concentrations for birds (which include bioaccumulation factors; Table 4.7-1 in the EIS). Uncertainty is part of the water quality predictions over the short- and long-terms, including those of the pit lake waters. Mitigation and adaptive management are described in the EIS, which are in place to ensure compliance with the Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MTBA) and Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (BGEPA) should the conditions in the future deviate from predictions.	
664	664.106	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We realize that alternatives need to be consistent with the project purpose and need, but believe that there are a suite of alternatives that simply have not been pursued. We point out that the BLM has a legal obligation to develop additional alternatives for the EIS. NEPA requires the agency to "study, develop, and describe appropriate alternatives to recommended courses of action in any proposal that involves unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources." 42 U.S.C. § 4332(E); 40 CFR § 1508.9(b). It must "rigorously explore and objectively evaluate all reasonable alternatives" to the proposed action. City of Tenakee Springs v. Clough, 915 F.2d 1308, 1310 (9th Cir. 1990). Indeed, NEPA's implementing regulations recognize that the consideration of alternatives is "the heart of the environmental impact statement." 40 CFR 1502.14, quoted in Alaska Wilderness Recreation and Tourism Ass'n v. Morrison, 67 F.3d 723, 729 (9th Cir. 1995).	ALT	The BLM considered many alternatives for the project (JBR 2011), and the public was encouraged throughout the process to assist the agencies in developing alternatives for the project. However, no reasonable alternatives other than those fully evaluated in the EIS were identified through internal and external scoping, the supporting scientific studies, or the public comment period for the DEIS. The reasonable range of alternatives is relatively limited because the project involves an existing mine (fixed ore body) mostly on private land for which the mine is simply operating for longer than anticipated (and at the same production rate).	
664	664.107	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	It is accepted practice for federal and state land management agencies to impose mitigation and other measures to prevent the formation of a contaminated pit lake, or if the lake is predicted to form, to require mitigation to prevent any contamination. The U.S. BLM, for example, requires the completion of a detailed Ecological Risk Analysis (ERA) for all pit lakes. "Ecological Risk Assessment (ERA) is a process that analyzes the likelihood that adverse ecological effects may occur as a result of exposure to one or more stressors. Since 1996, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has been utilizing ERAs in Nevada to evaluate pit lake effects. In recent year's new ecological screening information, criteria and tools have been provided by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), national laboratories, state universities, and state agencies. An ERA is a useful tool to aid in analyzing the current and future environmental impacts of mining pit lakes on wildlife and the ecosystem. When the BLM is preparing a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) analysis and it is predicted there is potential water quality problem with the future pit lake, an ERA should also be prepared."	MMPO	The effects of the pit lake are evaluated by a variety of technical studies and reports using the best available science and summarized in the EIS (e.g., Section 4.7.1. and Section 4.8.1) sufficient for an informed decision to be made regarding the MMPO alternatives. The effects of the pit lake in the EIS summarize the results of ecological risk assessment, but the last sentence in the comments is from guidance specific to only the BLM in Nevada. The BLM decision maker is aware of the BLM guidance and does not believe it is relevant for this project.	

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664	664.108	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	It is not only practicable, reasonable, and feasible, but an accepted regulatory practice, to prevent the formation of a contaminated pit lake through perpetual pumping and treating of the water. In considering such an alternative and mitigation measure as required under NEPA and other applicable requirements noted herein, it should be noted that such pumped water must meet all standards and must be distributed so as to eliminate or greatly reduce any adverse impacts on the resources dependent on groundwater in the area (e.g., such as surface waters, springs/seeps, etc.). The failure of the EIS to consider a reasonable alternative of pit lake prevention/remediation is a violation of NEPA's mandate that the agency fully consider all reasonable alternatives.	ALT	No reasonable alternatives or mitigation were identified through internal and external scoping, the supporting scientific studies, or the public comment period for the DEIS. The fact that the pit lake would not function ecologically as a nature lake is identified as an Unavoidable Potentially Significant Adverse Effect in Section 4.18. However, the water pumped into the pit would be treated to prevent any substantial concentrations of contaminants from developing, e.g., all of the concentrations of chemicals of potential concern in the pit lake would be at least two orders of magnitude below the screening concentrations for wildlife drinking from the pit lake, e.g., Section 4.7.1.1.	
664	664.109	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	The U.S. EPA has recognized the need for long-term water treatment reclamation bonding for mine pit lakes in the West.	SOC	Comment noted.	
664	664.110	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	<i>Management and Treatment of Water from Hard Rock Mines, US EPA (2006)(attached). The EPA report details both the need for treatment of mine pit lakes, as well as a number of ways to minimize and/or prevent the contamination in the lakes. Id. at pp. 28-36.</i>	ALT	Comment noted. The lime treatment of the water pumped to the pit lake is part of the long-term water management plan, and is an accepted treatment method.	
664	664.111	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We are concerned about dust generation from the tailings storage facility and ask for more information on the public health risks and how this will be addressed.	ANC	The effects of fugitive dust from the mine are described in the EIS (e.g., Section 3.10. and Section 4.10.), and would continue to be below MSHA health standards for workers at the mine and below all air criteria pollutant standards (i.e., the standards for PM2.5 and PM10) for the mine locality.	
664	664.112	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	The final vegetation goals for the tailings storage facility should be described. Healthy vegetative cover can help address water infiltration concerns, but vegetation can change due to noxious weeds or wildfires.	VEG	These goals are described in Section 2.1.1.8.	
664	664.113	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We believe that a Geosynthetic Clay Laminate Liner, discussed earlier, should be considered here. [TSF]	ALT	It is assumed the recommendation for a GCLL alternative would be to provide added control of net infiltration from precipitation and increase the reliability of the impact analysis. In fact, although the EIS describes the plans for constructing an earthen cover for the waste rock facilities which would significantly reduce net infiltration into the waste rock, the impact analysis conducted for the EIS ignored any beneficial effect from the cover to reduce net infiltration of precipitation. This is one way the impact analysis is conservative. Analyzing the impacts incorporating the full effects of the earthen cover, or a GCLL cover, would reduce the predicted impacts from those described in the EIS (Section 4.6.1).	

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664	664.114	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We also understand that the current reclamation plan calls for this area to be tree-free so that root growth and tip ups do not compromise the integrity of the cap. However, the DEIS states that forests are expected to regenerate in this area in 150 to 200 years. Lodgepole pine will likely recolonize the reclaimed surface of the tailings facility and will present a risk to the integrity of the cap. We believe that the BLM has two options to address this eventuality. First, the post-closure plan can require the regular removal of all tree seedlings, along with perpetual water treatment. This would entail staff physically monitoring and maintaining the tree-free status of the storage facility at least once every three years in perpetuity. Alternatively, the BLM can design the cap of the tailings facility so it is adapted to the expected tree growth, anticipated root depth and designed to withstand tip ups. This could entail utilizing a GCLL and increasing the depth of the growth material on the surface.	VEG	The reclaimed TSF would permit water to infiltrate through the surface, i.e., the natural development of trees on the surface of the TSF would not compromise the water balance for the TSF. The surfaces of the benches on the TSF embankment would be covered with riprap, which would not be materially affected by tree growth. In any case, there would be relatively slow growth of trees in the locality and relatively shallow root systems of lodgepole pine and Douglas-fir. Should large-diameter trees need to be removed for any unforeseen reason, such would be part of the long-term erosion maintenance of the TSF.	
664	664.115	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	The EIS must disclose the effects of a compromised [due to tree growth] tailings cap in years 150 and beyond, increased infiltration into the tailings facility, anticipated changes in water quantity and quality leaving the tailings facility, and revised costs for addressing these in years 150 and beyond so that water quality standards are still maintained into the future.	SOC	The supporting technical studies and reports for the TSF evaluate the effects of the facility to water resources considering the reasonable development of vegetation and infiltration of water. The financial guarantee held by the BLM would cover the costs of long-term monitoring and water management, including that related to the TSF. Portions of the financial guarantee would be held in a trust fund with a perpetual life.	
664	664.116	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We understand that IDWR does not approve reclamation design plans until the actual time of final reclamation, but we believe the BLM has an obligation to present its version of the reclamation plan to the public as part of this EIS as public resources downstream of the tailings storage facility area are managed by the BLM.	NEPA	The reclamation plan is described in 2.1.1.8. The entire consolidated reclamation plan (EnviroNet 1999) is available for public review but it isn't practical (due to its size) to include it in the EIS.	
664	664.117	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	Alternative needed for a modified M1 The No Action Alternative, M1, refers to the completion of Phase 7, which was analyzed and selected in the previous EISs (1980 and 1999). The BLM also states that M1/Phase 7 will be modified in order to address the need to treat mine-affected water in perpetuity. These are conflicting mandates. Phase 7 specifically calls for the reclamation of infrastructure and lands, some of it related to water capture and treatment. However, both the BLM and the company realize the need to adjust the plan to facilitate post-closure water treatment and call for the retention of water management and treatment infrastructure (DEIS Executive Summary, p. 2-3). We point out that the current reclamation plan does not address the issue of active water treatment and this factor was not evaluated in the 1980 or 1999 EISs. The changed conditions (mine-affected water) and the revision of the EIS/Reclamation Plan are still not adequately described in the current EIS, in violation of NEPA. 40 C.F.R. § 1500.1(a). NEPA requires the agencies to carefully consider detailed information concerning significant environmental impacts. By focusing agencies' attentions on the environmental consequences of their actions, NEPA "ensures that important effects will not be overlooked or underestimated only to be discovered after resources have been committed or the die otherwise cast." Id. An additional alternative (M1B, for example) is needed to describe how M1A will be adapted to the new, changed circumstance of dealing with mine-affected water. How this issue is dealt with has the potential to affect public resources, including water quality, beneficial uses of waterways, and listed fish species, among others. A discussion of the bonding and financial mechanism for long-term water treatment is also needed as part of this analysis.	ALT	The modification of Phase 7 to include long-term water treatment is a necessary, common-sense approach to forward-looking NEPA analysis. To do otherwise would make no sense, i.e., to evaluate the no action alternative using the current reclamation plan which requires all discharged water to meet all applicable laws and regulations, but does not provide the details of how such would occur. The decision maker would not gain meaningful information from such analysis. That is, the current reclamation plan does not describe active water treatment, but does explicitly require all discharged water to meet all applicable laws and regulations, i.e., water treatment is implicit in the current reclamation plan if necessary. Financial guarantees are summarized in a variety of places in the DEIS and EIS, but the specific amounts of financial guarantees are administrative matters and not NEPA issues. All of the MMPO alternatives thus describe and evaluate how the mine will manage water in the long-term, and an Alternative M1-B would evaluate the same affects to water resources as Alternative M1.	
664	664.118	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We support the plan to reclaim 25 miles of roads and recommend that the BLM look for other opportunities to reduce the final area of Total Soil Resource Commitment.	SOIL	Reclamation would replace soil resources in disturbed areas, except for the open pit which would not be reclaimed.	

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664	664.119	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	The BLM should also provide a map of the final road configuration for the project.	TRAN	The EIS describes the roads sufficient for NEPA analysis, i.e., a map with more detail about roads at the mine would not provide the decision maker with meaningful information (and the road configuration of the mine would not vary among the alternatives). The NEPA analysis must focus on the issues and effects material to an informed decision. However, the project GIS data in the administrative record includes the lengths and widths of all mine-related roads. In addition, once a MMPO alternative is selected, TCMC will provide a modified plan of operations with detailed maps of the mine both during operations and after reclamation suitable for the agency administration of the mine. The agencies will then administratively approve the modified plan of operations, which must be consistent with the selected alternative.	
664	664.120	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	As noted in the USFS's Anatomy of a Mine regulatory guidance report, reclamation is a critical and required component of a logical, complete and reasonable mining plan: "Satisfactory reclamation should emphasize three major objectives: 1. The productivity of the reclaimed land should at least equal that of the premine surface. This does not necessarily mean that the site must be restored to an approximation of its original condition, or that surface uses after mining will be the same as those existing prior to mining. For example, an area used for marginal grazing prior to mining may be changed to a useful and attractive recreational complex, or perhaps in another case to a housing area. 2. Satisfactory reclamation should leave the mined area in a condition that will not contribute to environmental degradation either in the form of air- or water-borne materials, or from chemical pollution. 3. The reclaimed area should be esthetically acceptable and it should be safe for the uses intended." "Anatomy of a Mine, From Prospect to Production," USDA Forest Service, General Technical Report INT-GTR-35, Revised February 1995, at 68-69	RCL	Comment noted. Reclamation has been designed to include these objectives.	
664	664.121	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	One stated difference between Alternatives M1 and M2 is that "some monitoring could continue for longer durations" (EIS, Executive Summary, p. ES-5). While the exact monitoring locations and points of compliance may differ between alternatives, water treatment in perpetuity is going to be needed under all alternatives so long-term monitoring will also need to be conducted in perpetuity. The EIS should be revised to reflect this.	WTR	This is correct. The EIS has been revised to reflect this.	
664	664.122	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	The Reclamation Plan needs to be incorporated into the EIS as it determines the effects on a number of public resources. Because many of these facilities are effectively permanent features on the landscape, they should be designed to withstand more than the estimated 500-year/24 hour storm event. We propose looking at the 5,000 year event. The BLM should assess the potential impacts to the facility during particularly large events.	RCL	The reclamation plan is summarized sufficient for NEPA purposes in the EIS. The supporting documents such as the plan of operations and the modified plan of operations, which include the reclamation plan, are too numerous and large to include in the EIS, even as appendices. However, these documents are part of the administrative record. The TSF is designed to safely manage the probable maximum flood. Less critical facilities (e.g., no loss of life from hydrologic failure) such as diversion ditches are designed for reclamation for less severe precipitation events, typically the 100 year/24 hour storm. For example, the BLM requires cyanide leaching facilities to safely manage the 100 year/24 hour storm (43 CFR 3809.420), and the IDWR requires certain sedimentation ponds to safely manage the 500 year/24 hour storm (IDAPA 37.03.06). The Nuclear Regulatory Commission requires radioactive tailings storage to be designed to provide reasonable assurance of control of radioactive hazards for 1,000 years, to the extent reasonable (10 CFR 40, Appendix A).	Therefore, designing nearly all of the post-closure facilities at the mine to safely manage a 500 year/24 hour storm (and the TSF to safely manage the probable maximum flood) is extremely conservative, and in many cases would be considered unjustified and not economically feasible. In addition, water management structures designed for a 5,000 year/24 hour storm would generally be enormous in size and inconsistent with natural streams and topography (i.e., in conflict with reclamation objectives), as well as raising issues such as would such large structures effectively convey the water from more typical storms such as the 10 year/24 hour storm. Moreover, estimates of the magnitude of a 5,000 year storm would be extremely unreliable due to the lack of historic data for the recurrence interval (5,000 years). Also, the evaluation of effects 1,000s of years in the future is typically not within the scope of NEPA analysis due to the uncertainty inherent in such long time frames, e.g., could the US exist, could there be a meteorite impact at the site, could there be a volcanic eruption at the site, etc.

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664	664.123	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We appreciate the segregation of Type 1 and Type 2 waste rock.		Comment noted. This is standard practice in modern mining to segregate a potentially acid-generating scenario from a scenario without acid generation potential. In that way distinct reclamation and water treatment actions can be utilized.	
664	664.124	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	The BLM should review the latest climate change models to see how temperatures, precipitation amounts, timing and form may change over time. The water balance for the project, water quality, water quantity, evaporation rates from the pit lake, anticipated performance of the water treatment plant and impacts on fisheries are dependent on these inputs. We suggest reviewing these calculations based on these climate change models.	ANC	Computer simulations of climate models were fully evaluated in the NEPA process, e.g., JBR 2014].	
664	664.125	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	We understand that mine expansion would entail the harvest of approximately 3 million board feet of timber from 460 acres. Although these lands would ultimately be converted for mine development, the logging methods can determine the short-term impacts of sedimentation in the watershed and may affect the future quality of the soils for growth media. As such, we recommend that TCMC and BLM develop specific design features for the harvest program that minimizes erosion and maximizes retention of nutrients and soils for future reclamation purposes. These design features should be described in the EIS.	VEG	Timber harvest would follow BLM and Forest Service BMPs for timber harvest, which were designed specifically to reduce sedimentation and protect soil qualities (Section 4.4.1.2).	
664	664.126	Idaho Conservation League	John Robison	The DEIS states that sewage from the mill is disposed in the tailings storage facility but it is unclear if the sewage is treated at all and to what degree. The EIS needs to ensure that waste material is properly treated and disposed of.	MMPO	Sewage generated at the mine site (the change house, gas shop/lube bay, and maintenance shop) is treated using a conventional septic tank and drain field system south of the mine change house. Sewage from the mill is piped to a holding tank and then pumped by the sewage lift station to the tailings pipeline for disposal in the TSF. The TSF is an approved waste storage facility, which includes sewage generated at the mine.	
665	665.1		Eric Brandjord	I have been involved in mining most of the life and I have seen the primary, secondary, and tertiary benefits the industry provides to local, state, and regional services and infrastructure.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
665	665.2		Eric Brandjord	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	SOC	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
665	665.3		Eric Brandjord	Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
665	665.4		Eric Brandjord	TCMC is a great steward to their community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
666	dup					No response needed.	
667	667.1	Western States	Scott Anderson	I am very much in favor of the Thompson Creek expansion. I believe that the mining operations at Thompson Creek as well as other mining operations throughout our region are critical to our economic health as well as insuring our position in the global market.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
667	667.2	Western States	Scott Anderson	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	GEN	Comment noted.	
667	667.3	Western States	Scott Anderson	I support TCMC's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
667	667.4	Western States	Scott Anderson	Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted.	
667	667.5	Western States	Scott Anderson	Without the mining industry and the minerals they extract we would have to do without many of the products we have come to enjoy and rely on.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
667	667.6	Western States	Scott Anderson	Thompson Creek as well as most other modern mining operations spend a tremendous amount of time and resources to ensure they are doing everything possible to align themselves with what is right for the environment and surrounding area. Whether it be their everyday mining operations or the often times substantial reclamation projects they take on. Many reclamation projects are taken on without being asked or required by certain government agencies. These are done to ensure their sustainability and because it is the right thing to do.	GEN	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
668	668.1		Jason Burt	We find that molybdenum is an important ingredient to quality American made products.	GEN	Comment noted. Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
668	668.2		Jason Burt	I support TCMC's proposal to expand their mine access additional deposits of molybdenum. I believe that the miniscule and relatively obscure benefits of closing the mine are far outweighed by factors such as the right for a grown man to provide for his family.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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668	668.3		Jason Burt	While it would be nice to build things using fairy dust and power that factory with unicorn farts, the reality is that molybdenum is a very important element used to build a wide variety of production equipment.	GEN	Comment noted. The BLM must consider all factors, including socioeconomic, when evaluating proposals.	
668	668.4		Jason Burt	Without molybdenum, the price goes up for everything from the cost to transport natural gas (used in the turbines and compressors that power pipelines), to cars (used in certain steel components as well as in the tool steel dies).	SOC	Comment noted.	
668	668.5		Jason Burt	When you look at the extremes the US will go through to secure energy in the global market, I believe that a policy allowing for a molybdenum mine is well within the bounds of this same policy.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5 and 3.2.1.2. Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
668	668.6		Jason Burt	When you consider that the mine is supported by a majority at the local level, a refusal to allow the mine to continue would represent an unnecessary restriction of freedom for this locality.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5 and 3.2.1.2. Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
669	669.1	Hammon Services Corp.	Janelle Goldman	The impact Thompson Creek has reaches beyond its local community and trickles into neighboring areas, and beyond.	SOC	Comment noted.	
669	669.2	Hammon Services Corp.	Janelle Goldman	With a degree in geology and as a life-long resident of Idaho, I would not support any operation I thought to be harmful to the environment or Idaho lands. I have always been impressed with the operations at Thompson Creek and their efforts towards safety and environmental responsibility.	GEN	Comment noted.	
669	669.3	Hammon Services Corp.	Janelle Goldman	In my trips to Thompson Creek I have developed an appreciation for the area. My family now frequents the area for recreation, enjoying the beauty, culture, and rich mining history.	GEN	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
669	669.4	Hammon Services Corp.	Janelle Goldman	I would like to see the community continue to thrive.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
670	670.1		Josh Pamplona	I support the proposed Land Exchange.	GEN	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
670	670.2		Josh Pamplona	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
670	670.3		Josh Pamplona	Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
670	670.4		Josh Pamplona	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group of citizens that has greatly benefited from the Mine's contributions to our community.	SOC	Comment noted.	
671	671.1		Mr. Phillip Christiansen	I have worked with the TCMC crew for over 14 years and find this to be an exceptionally safe minded group of people.	GEN	Comment noted.	
671	671.2		Mr. Phillip Christiansen	It is a pleasure to see this environmentally conscious company keep such a pristine area in good shape while making a living for many of our employees who support them in their responsibilities. It is easy to support this land change in that TCMC is a responsible company exercising good judgment in their professional efforts, they have created a culture of safety. Our support in this priority is without measure.	GEN	Comment noted.	
671	671.3		Mr. Phillip Christiansen	Their business supports the livelihood of over 10 jobs in our company from drivers, to warehouseman, to office staff.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
671	671.4		Mr. Phillip Christiansen	TCMC is also a great community member with local influence in terms of giving to charities and schools.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
672	672.1		Royce Rowles	I grew up in Challis, ID and am well acquainted with TCMC. I have family members employed there and several of my friends and family members employed at the mine. TCMC is the main economic driver of Challis and the lifeblood of the community. I know for a fact that several are working hard to get the mine back to running at full strength and becoming profitable again.	SOC	Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
672	672.2		Royce Rowles	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
672	672.3		Royce Rowles	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
672	672.4		Royce Rowles	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
673	673.1		Morgan Johns	My job would be greatly affected if the TCM were to go into reclamation.	SOC	Comment noted.	
673	673.1		Morgan Johns	I support the proposed alternative M2 and L2 submitted by the BLM because I would like to see Thompson Creek continue into Phase 8 in the most efficient and economical way possible for them.	GEN	Comment noted.	

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674	674.1		Suzanne Budge	I am writing in support of both proposals submitted by TCM as part of the EIS.	GEN	Comment noted.	
674	674.2		Suzanne Budge	In expanding the mine, I support M2, the proposal to expand mining operations to new ore bodies which are readily available to mining and production as they are simply an expansion of the existing molybdenum ore deposit. This only makes sense, practically and operationally, to expand the existing footprint of the mine while reaching valuable new deposits. It is much more logical to expand current operations rather than start a new mine in a pristine part of the world. These are known reserves and should be mined in order to put this valuable metal to the many modern, technological and practical applications where it is used globally every day.	MMPO	Comment noted. Several alternatives were considered but dismissed for these reasons (Section 2.1.7).	
674	674.3		Suzanne Budge	I support the land exchange proposed by TCM, L2, which will ultimately allow the mine to operate more efficiently by consolidating operations and managing waste rock using best practices to address water quality issues involved in mining this type of deposit. I understand that Custer County will see a "swap" of taxable land and that land lost to property taxation, along the Salmon River (Broken Wing Ranch) will be traded for new taxable land that will be owned and operated by TCM. Unlike some land exchanges, the majority of the acres under consideration lie in Custer County, so the county will continue to see tax dollars flowing from this exchange and the mine's operations.	LAND	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
674	674.4		Suzanne Budge	I have worked with TCM management and employees for more than 18 years, and I have always found them to be of highest integrity in their commitment to their work, to their fellow employees, to their respective communities and to the environment where they operate.	GEN	Comment noted.	
674	674.5		Suzanne Budge	Employees, numbering 240 in lower operations, and up to 400 when the mine is at high capacity, enjoy excellent wages and benefits and travel from many Idaho counties to work at Thompson Creek.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
674	674.6		Suzanne Budge	Should the mine fail to expand and go in to a shut down mode, the community and the region would be devastated economically. But beyond the monetary impacts, the community and the region rely upon these people every day to make Custer County work at so many levels, from the schools, to the hospital to the local diner, civic organizations and beyond.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
674	674.7		Suzanne Budge	I urge the BLM to approve M2 and L2 and to arrive at a final decision so that the mine can continue with uninterrupted operations.	GEN	Comment noted.	
674	674.8		Suzanne Budge	Speaking as an individual who has been involved with TCM since the previous EIS was considered almost two decades ago, I appreciate the opportunity to share my comments on the current EIS regarding TCM. I sincerely hope to see the mine and its people in business for the next decade and beyond.	GEN	Comment noted.	
675	675.1		Mr. Jake Windsor	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
675	675.2		Mr. Jake Windsor	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
675	675.3		Mr. Jake Windsor	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	GEN	Comment noted. Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
675	675.4		Mr. Jake Windsor	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted.	
676	676.1		Mrs. Alison Rowles Cuban	I am in favor of keeping the mine open so that it can continue to help support the surrounding area. The mine is a major job supplier for Custer County and its been there as long as I can remember.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
676	676.10		Mrs. Alison Rowles Cuban	TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
676	676.11		Mrs. Alison Rowles Cuban	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	GEN	Comment noted.	
676	676.21		Mrs. Alison Rowles Cuban	I am also a share holder in the mine. I invested a few years ago because of the great work they had done with the community. I appreciated the commitment to safety and efficiency that the mine uses. I felt that TCM was a good investment. I still feel like it's a great investment and I am hoping for the sake of the families and communities and the people who have invested in its success that you will consider keeping this mine open.	GEN	Comment noted.	
676	676.31		Mrs. Alison Rowles Cuban	I really don't see any point in closing it. Please keep the mine open!	GEN	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
676	676.41		Mrs. Alison Rowles Cuban	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
676	676.51		Mrs. Alison Rowles Cuban	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
676	676.61		Mrs. Alison Rowles Cuban	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	SOC	Comment noted.	
676	676.71		Mrs. Alison Rowles Cuban	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	

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676	676.81		Mrs. Alison Rowles Cuban	Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
676	676.91		Mrs. Alison Rowles Cuban	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group of citizens that has greatly benefited from the Mine's contributions to our community.	SOC	Comment noted.	
677	677.1		Kathryn Rowles	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted.	
677	677.2		Kathryn Rowles	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
677	677.3		Kathryn Rowles	I support the mine expansion because it gives Thompson Creek the opportunity to keep their employees for an additional 10 - 15 years.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
678	678.1		Mrs. Amber Halle	If it weren't for TCM I know my family would not be living in our home town of Salmon because we could not afford to live. TCMC has always been willing to help when it comes to donations for an emergency of any employee.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
679	679.1		Jason Parris	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
679	679.2		Jason Parris	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
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679	679.4		Jason Parris	Thompson Creek spends over 100,000 dollars annually to support rodeos, concerts, schools, and many other programs that add value to our community.	SOC	Comment noted.	
679	679.5		Jason Parris	I support Thompson Creek because I am a member of a group of citizens that has greatly benefited from the Mine's contributions to our community.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
679	679.6		Jason Parris	TCM makes it a point to donate to our schools and my children have benefited from that.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
679	679.7		Jason Parris	I support Thompson Creek because they use 'best practices' to make sure our land and water quality is protected.	GEN	Comment noted.	
680	680.1		Mr. David Walch	As a supervisor for a vendor to the mine we would like to continue to serve our customer. I always support good paying jobs found in the mining industry.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
681	681.1		Mr. Rulon Wellard	The mine is a very important contributor to the lives of many in Custer and Lemhi counties. It would make great sense to extend the mine life for as long as possible.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
682	682.1		Jackie Ingram	The Thompson Creek mine is a great addition to our community. It provides employment for young people who want to return home. The schools depend on the mine for student numbers.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
682	682.2		Jackie Ingram	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
682	682.3		Jackie Ingram	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
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682	682.8		Jackie Ingram	The TCM is a major contributor to the global supply of Molybdenum which is an important modern metal.	SOC	Comment noted.	
682	682.9		Jackie Ingram	Molybdenum is an important ingredient to many products that we rely on every day.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
683	683.1	Choral Rendezvous	Jeanie Mullins	TCMC has supported us with a needed donation. Without their support we would be hard pressed to have enough funds to operate. TCMC not only supports CR with a donation, but supports other entities with donations as well.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
683	683.2	Choral Rendezvous	Jeanie Mullins	The mine employs many people who spend their money in Challis and Custer County which keeps our economy afloat. Without the mine Challis and all the facets that go with it will have a hard time surviving in these troubling economic times.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
683	683.3	Choral Rendezvous	Jeanie Mullins	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	SOC	Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
683	683.4	Choral Rendezvous	Jeanie Mullins	Thompson Creek is a good employer and provides many high quality jobs in central Idaho. They support employees and their families with great benefits and excellent wages.	SOC	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
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684	684.1	Custer County Planning and Zoning	Jim Mullins	I see the importance of the TCM to the community as well as national and worldwide benefits.	SOC	Section 3.13.1 presents TCM's molybdenum production in relation to national and global production.	
684	684.2	Custer County Planning and Zoning	Jim Mullins	TCMC employs many people and in these constrained economic times, it is important to keep jobs in the county. These people in turn spend their money in Challis and Custer County keeping our economy in the black.	SOC	Comment noted. Socioeconomic conditions and impacts, including benefits, are analyzed in Sections 3.13, 4.13, and 5.13.	
684	684.3	Custer County Planning and Zoning	Jim Mullins	I support TCM's proposal to expand operations in 'Phase 8' to access additional deposits of molybdenum and extend the life of the mine.	GEN	Uses of molybdenum and the economics of molybdenum are discussed in Sections 2.1.1.5, 3.2.1.2, and 3.13.1, respectively.	
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