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General Comment

For quite some time, the Federal Agencies overseeing activities occurring on Federal Lands have looked past the Congressional intent behind Multiple Use. Since it became apparent to the environmental community that the best way to stop resource extraction on Federal Lands was to convince the public that resource extraction 1- does not pay its fair share, 2- eliminates their ability to do what THEY want to do on Federal Land 3- is an unfair subsidy to an industry they don't like, and now 4- that it provides and unfair advantage, they have undertaken an intense PR campaign to use fear and propaganda to overwhelm the Federal Governments ability to review factual, data driven information.

Since most of the argument has nothing to do with actual fact driven information, It has become a discussion of whose opinion matters more from a political standpoint. The intent behind multiple use has been eliminated by re-describing multiple use to the extent that it eliminates resource extraction and use that the one, always vocal segment of the population does not like.

Congress really did intend multiple use to include extractive industries. Just because their voice represents a smaller section of the population does not mean they do not represent a portion of what was intended by Congress.

You must not follow the path of continuing to injure extractive industries because the environmental community does not like them. Expert analysis should be vetted and balanced, and equally represented. Recent governmental analysis is neither

While you many not like mining or oil and gas industries, they represent the creation of wealth in our country. Almost no other industries can make that claim, and extinguishing them to further the political goals of one special interest group is short sighted and most certainly raises a question of National Security.

I rarely see any deeply thought and discussed analysis of the potential consequences of our counties reliance on others to provide basic resources, and how that would impact us should a worldwide armed event occur.

There is no reason to change the current regulations on extractive industries. They pay their fair share and have for a long time, especially if viewed from the standpoint of overall benefit to the long term economic well being of our county.

Once again, it might not be what YOU want, but the Congress specifically used the term resource extraction when it described multiple use. You have no authority to change that, nor do you have the authority to make their activity so miserable that they give up.

Stop the regulatory nonsense