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Subject: RE: Twin Metals Project Info

Hi Abbey,

Wanted to pass along some info on the Twin Metals Project and see if you might be able to connect me with the best person over there to discuss this project.

As you probably know Rep. McCollum recently asked Secretary Perdue at an appropriations hearing about the two year review for the proposed withdrawal and he indicated he would let that process play out.

This answer was not encouraging for investors, proponents of the mine and community who would like the mineral withdrawal application to be withdrawn asap now that the comment period is over. They would also like for the BLM leases to be renewed.

Further, the investor is getting a bit anxious and is considering pulling out of this project due to this uncertainty. He has already sunk \$400 million into it.

The withdrawal would be the largest ever in the history of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA). The next largest would be the proposed 10 million acre sage grouse withdrawal.

This would set a terrible precedent and give the impression that the U.S. is not a good place to mine and do business.

The second attachment is an appropriations request sent by several members of the Western Caucus. This ended up being our top approps request this year as the administration has acted on many of our big ticket items.

Tim Martin is also a great resource and the point person in D.C. We are good friends. His email is [Timothy.Martin@\[REDACTED\]](mailto:Timothy.Martin@[REDACTED])