

NORTHMET MINING PROJECT AND LAND EXCHANGE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENT COMMENT RESPONSE PROCESS

58,000 SUBMISSIONS

We received around 58,000 submissions ranging from form letters to handmade postcards to highly technical analyses. Regardless of how your submissions were packaged, we paid close attention to every idea and concern you expressed.

17,000 COMMENTS

Because many of the individual submissions had close similarities, we distilled the 58,000 down to 17,000 unique ideas or comments. This added focus and helped us work out a meaningful process for responding to the comments.

25 TOPIC AREAS

We sorted the 17,000 unique comments into 25 broad topic areas such as water resources, air quality, financial assurance, wildlife, cultural resources, and others. This helped agency teams focus their work in their areas of expertise.

600 THEMES WITHIN TOPICS

Within each topic similar comments were grouped into themes. Water resources comments were grouped into 200 themes; air quality into 14 themes; and so on. In total, the final Environmental Impact Statement responds to about 600 themes (derived from your original 58,000 submissions).

The Environmental Impact Statement will provide a table showing the theme each comment was grouped under, and the responses to all of the themes.



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