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Wildfire

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Dear Chair Golden, Vice-chair Nash, and Members of the Committee,

I neighbor BLM land where there is a mining claim. During the 1970s it was operated by a couple of brothers who sued me for \$900,000 after I sent a complaint to DSL, who subsequently fined them. Many years later BLM's RAC granted me money to clean up the area, but I never got a green light to go ahead. The landscape up there remains damaged and nature will take decades to repair it. The miners were never required to post a bond or provide other \assurance that they would clean up their illegal operation. It is past time to tell those using public land that they must leave the land in as good or better shape when they're done with their project.

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