



Greg Gianforte
Congress of the United States

Montana

September 17, 2018

The Honorable Sonny Perdue
Secretary, U.S. Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave., S.W.
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Perdue:

I write to urge you to continue pursuing the 20-year Emigrant/Crevice mineral withdrawal in Montana. Completing the final withdrawal of over 30,000 acres before the November 21st, 2018 deadline is important to me and my constituents in Park County.

The community has made it clear that they do not want a mine outside of Yellowstone National Park. They have gathered support from the local Park County Commission, Montana state legislators on both sides of the aisle, the Gardiner Chamber of Commerce, major employers in the region, and hundreds of landowners. After meeting with community leaders and visiting the sites, I introduced legislation, H.R. 4644, the Yellowstone Gateway Protection Act, which would permanently withdrawal mineral claims from this area.

While I understand there are challenges with completing a timely assessment of these areas, I ask you to work diligently with Secretary Zinke, and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), to complete the final review to advance a long-term withdrawal while legislation to permanently withdraw this area proceeds through Congress. Thank you for your attention to this matter, and I look forward to achieving our shared goals.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "G. Gianforte", written in a cursive style.

Greg Gianfote
Member of Congress

Cc: Secretary Ryan Zinke