

THE ROCK CREEK PROJECT

"I mean, the company's at a point where they're saying the mine is even going to help the grizzly bear."

*Mary Mitchel, Rock Creek Alliance
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IT'S TRUE— First, it's important to know that the grizzly bears near the Rock Creek Project won't even know we're there because we'll be working an average of 1,000 feet below the surface.

At the Rock Creek Project, we will utilize the most environmentally benign form of mining known today, using organic based additives to recover the copper and silver minerals from the quartzite rock which was formed from deposition of beach sands.

We won't disturb any of the adjacent 94,000 acres of wilderness, and we will affect only 115 acres of land outside the wilderness area that's suitable for bear habitat. To offset that small impact, we will purchase an additional 2,450 acres of bear habitat that can never be sold or developed, we're funding the closure of five roads

currently in bear habitat, and paying to provide bear proof food and waste containers.

In addition, we will fund the salaries of a grizzly bear management specialist and a law enforcement officer from the Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks for approximately 35 years to monitor the local bear population throughout all phases of the Project, including reclamation and monitoring.

In fact, over the life of the project, we will spend more than \$18 million dollars to protect the grizzly bears, which works out to more than \$1 million for each bear known to live in the area.

"So you see, Mary, we are good for the bear!"