

WHAT WE HEARD

Community Open House Series — Spring 2026

La Plata Project | Metallic Minerals US Inc.

Breen • Mancos • Cortez • Durango

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Introduction

In spring 2026, the La Plata Project team hosted four community open houses in Breen, Mancos, Cortez, and Durango. These voluntary events built on open houses held in 2024 and 2025 as part of Metallic Minerals' commitment to regular community engagement about the project.

We came to listen, and community members came ready with important questions.

Across the four events, community members submitted 132 written questions on sticky notes — questions about the exploration process, water, wildlife, recreation, cultural ties to the land, our corporate structure, and more. This document is a record of what we heard. We have organized the questions by themes and included the complete list of questions as an appendix.

Some of the questions have straightforward answers. Others will take time, continued engagement, and further study.

Thank you for taking the time to hear about our studies, share your perspectives, and ask thoughtful questions. We look forward to future opportunities to continue the conversation.

— *The La Plata Project Team*

Themes at a Glance

The 132 questions span a wide range of topics. Below is a summary of the major themes that emerged, with more detail to follow.

#	Theme	Volume	Summary
01	Water Resources and Protection	18 questions	Community members want to learn about water volume, source, drought impacts, and long-term watershed protection.
02	Environmental Protection and Wildlife	23 questions	Questions about pre-drilling studies, exploration permits, regulatory agencies, and NEPA review. Additional questions about potential helicopter flight paths, Colorado Parks and Wildlife coordination, and Endangered Species Act and other regulatory compliance.
03	Community Benefits and Local Economy	7 questions	Local jobs, local spending, community benefits, and other economic development opportunities.
04	Project Scope and Timeline	28 questions	Questions about exploration activities and timing, and what a potential future mine could look like.
05	Infrastructure and Access	10 questions	Road and helicopter use, and access to specific peaks and trails. Questions about potential noise.
06	Tribal Relations	8 questions	Questions about tribal engagement and treaty rights
07	Regulatory Oversight and Accountability	38 questions	Questions about how community engagement is structured (public comment, decision points, open house format) and how the project is governed (Newmont's equity stake, Toronto Stock Exchange jurisdiction, financial assurances, and accountability commitments).

01 Water Resources and Protection (18 questions)

Water was the community's top topic. Questions came from farmers who rely on the La Plata and Mancos Rivers, as well as from residents concerned about drought, watershed hydrology, and stream health. These questions span the full project lifecycle, from exploration drilling today to potential future activities years from now.

Key questions from this theme:

- *How much water is used per day and per drill hole and where does the water for drilling come from?*
- *How are drought conditions factored into operations?*
- *What are the long-term plans for water sourcing as the project progresses?*
- *How is water managed on-site and is there any surface discharge?*
- *What protections will be in place for the La Plata and Mancos River watersheds?*
- *Who bears responsibility if water quality is affected?*
- *What is the status of the Substitute Water Supply Plans (SWSPs)? Have they been or will they be utilized?*

02 Environmental Protection and Wildlife (23 questions)

Many community members showed knowledge of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), Plans of Operations (PoOs), Categorical Exclusions (CatEx), Environmental Assessments (EA), and Environmental Impact Statements (EIS). Several asked about pre-drilling baseline studies and who funds and validates environmental review.

Community members also asked about potential helicopter flight paths, coordination with Colorado Parks and Wildlife, and whether the 2026 exploration program has been reviewed for compliance with the Endangered Species Act, the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and Canada lynx habitat requirements.

Key questions from this theme:

- *What environmental baseline studies were completed prior to drilling, and who completed them?*
- *Under what conditions would an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement be required?*
- *What is the complete list of permits currently held?*
- *Where are the potential helicopter flight paths, and how do they account for elk calving areas and other sensitive wildlife zones?*
- *Has Colorado Parks and Wildlife been engaged on potential helicopter operations, timing, and seasonal restrictions?*
- *Has the 2026 exploration program been reviewed for compliance with the Endangered Species Act, Migratory Bird Treaty Act, and Canada Lynx habitat requirements?*

03 Community Benefits and Local Economy (7 questions)

Community members asked about local economic impact: jobs, wages, educational requirements, as well as what percentage of exploration spending remains local.

Key questions from this theme:

- *How many jobs would be created locally, at what skill levels, if exploration advances?*
- *What share of exploration spending is directed to local businesses and contractors in La Plata County?*
- *How does the community benefit from the use of public lands for exploration activities?*
- *What would be the economic benefits of a future mine?*

04 Project Scope and Timeline (28 questions)

Community members wanted to understand what a future potential mine might look like: scale, mining methods, infrastructure, ore processing methods, and what happens to the land and water if and when a mine is developed.

Key questions from this theme:

- *What studies would be required to permit a mine?*
- *What commitments are made during exploration that could transfer to a future mining operator?*
- *How might a mining company become involved in the project through a joint venture or process of project acquisition?*
- *If mineral development occurs, what would a mine look like in terms of mining method, scale, infrastructure, and effect on access?*

05 Infrastructure and Access (10 questions)

The La Plata Mountains are used for hiking, camping, running, hunting, and solitude by residents across the Four Corners region. Community members described these mountains as a place of personal and emotional significance — a place they go for recreation and solitude.

Specific questions referred to possible helicopter noise and frequency, impacts on access both during exploration and if mine development occurs.

Key questions from this theme:

- *What are the allowed and regulated uses of Forest Service land?*
- *How would helicopter operations affect noise levels and access to specific areas?*
- *What public access restrictions, if any, will be in place during exploration activities?*
- *How will your activities affect the Kennebec Mountain Run and any other events that depend on access to the La Platas?*
- *How will the quiet, solitude, and natural character of the La Platas be protected during operations?*

06 Tribal Relations (8 questions)

We heard questions about our engagement with tribal nations. Questions touched on the Brunot agreement and sacred sites in the La Plata Mountains.

Key questions from this theme:

- *Which Tribal Nations have been engaged about the project, and how?*
- *How does the Brunot agreement relate to the project's permitting and land use planning?*
- *How are sacred sites in the La Plata Mountains being identified and considered?*
- *How are Tribal Nations and Indigenous community members being included in the project planning process?*

07 Regulatory Oversight and Accountability (38 questions)

Questions in this area spanned both how community engagement is structured and how the project is governed. A consistent thread across all four events was that community members want more opportunities to engage with us directly — and we hear that. It will inform how we plan future events.

Community members also asked about Newmont Corporation's equity stake in Metallic Minerals and their interest in the La Plata Project and what that relationship means for how decisions are made. Questions addressed regulations related to being a public company, Colorado regulations, and how many team members live in and pay taxes in La Plata County. People also asked about financial assurances.

Key questions from this theme:

- *What formal opportunities does the public have to comment on permits and influence the direction of the project, and how will we know when those opportunities arise?*
- *How are open house events being evaluated and improved based on community feedback?*
- *How are questions and concerns submitted at open houses being tracked and addressed?*
- *What is Newmont Corporation's relationship to the La Plata Project, and how does it affect project governance?*
- *How does the company's listing on the Toronto Stock Exchange relate to its obligations under Colorado and U.S. law?*
- *How many MMG team members reside in and pay taxes in La Plata County and Colorado?*
- *What financial assurances and long-term remediation commitments are in place?*
- *Who regulates exploration and mining activities at the Federal, State, and local levels?*
- *Do current activities qualify under the existing Categorical Exclusion? Will future activities require additional NEPA review?*
- *Under what conditions would an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement be required?*

What Happens Next

This document is one part of an ongoing voluntary engagement process that Metallic Minerals is committed to sustaining throughout the life of this project. That process includes:

- Open Houses — held in communities across the project area, these events are designed to share current information, answer questions, and hear directly from our neighbors.
- FAQ — available at laplataproject.com and updated as our exploration progresses and as new questions emerge. The What We Heard documents follow each open house series and inform future FAQ updates.
- Direct Outreach — to neighbors, local organizations, elected officials and others with an interest in our activities.
- Contact Us — We maintain an open inbox at info@laplataproject.com and welcome feedback, questions and suggestions.
- Independent Water Monitoring — in partnership with Mountain Studies Institute (MSI), we support a community-based water quality monitoring program in the La Plata and Mancos River drainages. Data is collected by community volunteers, analyzed by a certified laboratory, and published online (www.laplataproject.com).
- Tribal Engagement — we engage with neighboring Tribal Nations, conducted in a manner consistent with each Nation's sovereignty and communication preferences.

We will continue to show up, listen, and share what we learn as this project evolves.

If you have additional questions, or if your question from the open house is not reflected accurately here, please contact us:

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APPENDIX

Complete Question Record — Open House Series, Spring 2026

The following 132 questions were submitted on sticky notes across the four open house events and have been lightly edited for transcription clarity only. Questions are organized by theme to correspond with the body of this document. The "Ref #" column reflects the original sequence in which questions were submitted.

#	Question (as captured)	Theme
1	Estimate the number of gallons of water needed to drill one exploratory drill hole (for 3,000 feet depth as an example).	01 - Water Resources and Protection
2	My main concern is water usage and treatment. How does your water usage affect the local human population? How does it contribute to reduced stream flow and the flora and fauna that rely on them? How much is the unprecedented low snow year playing into your operations?	01 - Water Resources and Protection
3	How are you going to prevent toxic minerals from entering our water sources?	01 - Water Resources and Protection
4	In an extremely low snow year with a predicted dry summer, how is MMG ensuring their water consumption will not impact water restrictions in local communities?	01 - Water Resources and Protection
5	You said you will use municipal water. We are in a serious drought and the city of Durango is already asking us to cut back on personal water use. Where are you going to get the water you need?	01 - Water Resources and Protection
6	How many years is MMG dedicated to ensuring the health of the water and river watershed?	01 - Water Resources and Protection
7	How much water do you need for drilling versus for mining? What is the plan for wastewater from drilling and mining?	01 - Water Resources and Protection
8	We are in a mega-drought. How much water is needed for drilling? How much for mining? We face water restrictions in local municipalities but you get to use it. How will you protect water?	01 - Water Resources and Protection
9	What is the municipal water source mentioned, and how much water?	01 - Water Resources and Protection
10	What will the impacts of mining be on the quality and quantity of water in the La Plata River?	01 - Water Resources and Protection
11	You are using municipal water for drilling — where will you get water for mining?	01 - Water Resources and Protection

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12	Where are you with the augmentation plan for exploration and processing?	01 - Water Resources and Protection
13	How much water per day will you be using? And where exactly is the water coming from?	01 - Water Resources and Protection
14	How do you mitigate contamination of water resources?	01 - Water Resources and Protection
15	Where is your water coming from? How does this year's drought affect this project?	01 - Water Resources and Protection
16	How will the water quality of the effluent compare to the water quality seen in the MSI water quality report from this winter?	01 - Water Resources and Protection
17	If downstream water quality degrades, who is liable and for how long?	01 - Water Resources and Protection
18	How do we stop you? Who needs to approve this?	02 - Environmental Protection and Wildlife
19	What permits are currently under review? How can the public comment specifically — can you clearly explain how I can comment?	02 - Environmental Protection and Wildlife
20	How are you working with the Forest Service to do a full environmental assessment to reduce and mitigate all environmental impacts from exploratory drilling?	02 - Environmental Protection and Wildlife
21	Are you legally allowed to drill only on your own MMG claims, or can you drill anywhere within the La Plata Project claim outline? Are you planning to drill in the Basin Creek area?	02 - Environmental Protection and Wildlife
22	What environmental studies have you done before the exploratory drilling? There's an impact even if you're just going small-scale now.	02 - Environmental Protection and Wildlife
23	What waste products will be produced? How will they be managed?	02 - Environmental Protection and Wildlife
24	You talked about permits. The current administration seems to be negating this requirement. What environmental studies will you do to ensure this area is protected?	02 - Environmental Protection and Wildlife
25	Can you provide a complete list of permits or permit amendments that you will need to obtain this year?	02 - Environmental Protection and Wildlife
26	A 5–6 year project would require an EA. When can we expect one? You've contracted with Wright Water Engineers — are you considering a SWSP? From what source?	02 - Environmental Protection and Wildlife

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27	While these operations have been eligible under CatEx, would they not trigger extraordinary circumstances — effects to local watersheds, drainages, and habitat for T&E species?	02 - Environmental Protection and Wildlife
28	According to Article 4.3 of your 43-101 technical report, there were no environmental liabilities — only minor surface disturbance. What studies will be performed to assess operational impact, and will the remediation plan be public?	02 - Environmental Protection and Wildlife
29	Where is wastewater going?	02 - Environmental Protection and Wildlife
30	Why isn't a complete environmental impact assessment of the drilling being pursued, given what you say you're committed to as a company?	02 - Environmental Protection and Wildlife
31	Why are there no preliminary environmental studies done prior to your exploratory drilling? The Forest Service is currently underfunded. How can you ensure ethical environmental studies funded by you now?	02 - Environmental Protection and Wildlife
32	When will an EIS be started?	02 - Environmental Protection and Wildlife
33	Is there a federal component for road use? A permit?	02 - Environmental Protection and Wildlife
34	What kind of mine are you proposing? Where in the permitting process are you?	02 - Environmental Protection and Wildlife
35	What is the permitting process to develop a mine? What level of NEPA?	02 - Environmental Protection and Wildlife
36	For helicopter use this season, what are the studies/mitigations regarding high country wildlife habitat — e.g., scattering elk herds leading to resource depletion, especially entering breeding season? Are methods around height, timing, and habitat of flights included in the plan/requirements of the CatEx?	02 - Environmental Protection and Wildlife
37	What are the flight paths for the helicopters? Over elk calving areas? Has CPW been consulted?	02 - Environmental Protection and Wildlife
38	How are you going to minimize impacts on wildlife due to helicopters and mining? How are you going to ensure the river and water supply do not get contaminated?	02 - Environmental Protection and Wildlife
39	Has the 2026 exploration been permitted for protection of endangered wildlife and raptors? And MBTA? Lynx?	02 - Environmental Protection and Wildlife

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40	How many jobs over the next five years would you generate if all 14 drill sites were approved and completed? Who would get these jobs? What would they be? What level of education would be required?	03 – Community Benefits and Local Economy
41	What is the benefit locally in dollars for next year's investment?	03 – Community Benefits and Local Economy
42	How does MMG plan on positively contributing to the communities affected? What brought MMG to this particular sub-range?	03 – Community Benefits and Local Economy
43	How are you going to compensate the community for our time, effort, and input?	03 – Community Benefits and Local Economy
44	Of the exploration investment dollars, how much goes to the local community?	03 – Community Benefits and Local Economy
45	Long-term vision: if successful and sold to a mining company likely via block cave mining, what are the potential consequences on geological uplift, rainfall, snowpack, weather patterns, and geological instability? If the Allard deposit were mined out, what would happen to the surface and to access?	04 – Project Scope and Timeline
46	Could you explain what block cave mining is — the technique you stated would most likely be used — and what does it do to the surface?	04 – Project Scope and Timeline
47	What is block cave mining and how would it affect access and the surface above the Allard deposit?	04 – Project Scope and Timeline
48	If you find a viable copper deposit, what happens next? Who does the mining?	04 – Project Scope and Timeline
49	If this project is developed by another company, what legally binding commitments made during exploration will transfer to a future operator?	04 – Project Scope and Timeline
50	If mining takes place, what does that look like beginning to end? What does it do to recreational access? How large will mines go — will mountains and ridgetops be altered forever?	04 – Project Scope and Timeline
51	How will you restore the area within the project once it's finished?	04 – Project Scope and Timeline
52	What health and environmental impacts could this project potentially create, say 50 years from now?	04 – Project Scope and Timeline
53	When will an open house meeting happen on the reservation? What is block cave mining? Why didn't you bring up block cave?	04 – Project Scope and Timeline
54	Please tell us more about what the project would look like if it moves from exploration to mining — access, water, waste, infrastructure. Can you guarantee the accountability of a future operator?	04 – Project Scope and Timeline

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55	Will block caving produce a glory hole?	04 – Project Scope and Timeline
56	Are you going to heap leach the ore?	04 – Project Scope and Timeline
57	If exploration is successful and large mineral deposits are found, what is the process for permitting and public objection for an actual mine in the La Platas?	04 – Project Scope and Timeline
58	What are the next steps after exploration? Are we going to see a full-blown extraction process which may include a significant increase in drilling, land use, resource use, or potential accidents such as the Gold King Mine incident?	04 – Project Scope and Timeline
59	How would you choose a mining company to sell to? What would your standards be?	04 – Project Scope and Timeline
60	How will the drill sites be mitigated after completion of drilling? Can a third party inspect and accept the mitigation?	04 – Project Scope and Timeline
61	What would collaboration between Metallic Minerals and an engineering/extraction company look like? Will you have influence over where the minerals go?	04 – Project Scope and Timeline
62	What will the impact on wildlife and recreation be from helicopter use? What will be the frequency of helicopter flights? The initial drilling disturbed both wildlife and recreation — constant noise heard throughout the canyon and ridges.	05 – Infrastructure and Access
63	How do you anticipate this project affecting recreation?	05 – Infrastructure and Access
64	If/when exploratory drilling begins this summer, will public access to Gibbs Peak be affected? Or other areas?	05 – Infrastructure and Access
65	There is an annual race, the Kennebec Mountain Run, held every early August. It is a fundraiser for local search and rescue — a main source of funding for them. How will your operations affect the race in terms of traffic, noise pollution, and potentially other ways?	05 – Infrastructure and Access
66	What happens to recreational access in the surface area where mining actually takes place?	05 – Infrastructure and Access
67	How will this project impact recreation in the area if a mine is developed?	05 – Infrastructure and Access
68	We understand you strive for responsible drilling, but that doesn't change the fact that there will be noise pollution and water degradation to the place where we go to escape the touch of man. We go to the La Platas for peace, nature, solitude, and purity. We are not OK with this. How do you propose managing this?	05 – Infrastructure and Access

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69	Peace and quiet — this is what we seek when we head to the La Platas. How will you protect this?	05 – Infrastructure and Access
70	What are native leaders' perspectives on this project? Due to watershed concerns, I can't imagine their outlook is positive.	06 - Tribal Relations
71	Are the people from the tribes in your acknowledgement being included in this project? How do they feel about this happening on their historic lands? Are you aware of the sacred mountains in the La Platas to these tribes?	06 - Tribal Relations
72	No tribal engagement in my people's sacred homelands. How will that be resolved? What is your water source?	06 - Tribal Relations
73	What does 'recognizing' native ties look like? How are Indigenous individuals actively being included in your process? Whose consent have you received?	06 - Tribal Relations
74	How are tribal rights being considered in this project — water resources, Brunot Treaty area impacts, etc.?	06 - Tribal Relations
75	Tell us how you've approached tribal engagement.	06 - Tribal Relations
76	Have you already engaged with tribal leaders? What have you heard from them?	06 - Tribal Relations
77	Where are you in the engagement process with the multiple tribal nations this mine would impact? What is their current perspective?	06 - Tribal Relations
78	Can you get a larger room for the next open house in Durango? Can you have a 15-minute snack break/question time/poster time so there is more time to answer questions?	07 – Regulatory Oversight and Accountability
79	Would you say you're attempting to fast-track this process prior to the 2028 elections?	07 – Regulatory Oversight and Accountability
80	How can the average person come to do a site tour?	07 – Regulatory Oversight and Accountability
81	How are you ensuring all the sticky note questions will be answered and not thrown away?	07 – Regulatory Oversight and Accountability
82	At what specific decision points can the local community meaningfully influence or halt project progress?	07 – Regulatory Oversight and Accountability
83	Why are we not having a real conversation? Could you just skip the controversial questions?	07 – Regulatory Oversight and Accountability

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84	Why have you been active/interested in this area for 7+ years and this is the first community meeting?	07 – Regulatory Oversight and Accountability
85	What is the most effective way to stop?	07 – Regulatory Oversight and Accountability
86	We want the time to voice our concerns.	07 – Regulatory Oversight and Accountability
87	Several of us have been at meetings — we want a Q&A session.	07 – Regulatory Oversight and Accountability
88	What is the most effective way to stop you?	07 – Regulatory Oversight and Accountability
89	Can we get a formal commitment (in writing) to continuing engagement with environmental regulations, tribal engagement, and community input regardless of changes in governmental regulation?	07 – Regulatory Oversight and Accountability
90	Can you speak on Newmont Corporation's equity investment in the La Plata Project? Is Metallic Minerals just a subsidiary of Newmont? Newmont has a history of questionable business practices — how can we feel confident those behaviors won't bleed into how the La Plata Project is managed?	07 – Regulatory Oversight and Accountability
91	Who bears financial responsibility for long-term environmental impacts, especially water treatment and reclamation? If the project is sold, paused, or the operator defaults, what financial assurances are in place?	07 – Regulatory Oversight and Accountability
92	What is the relationship between this international company and the 2022 acts restricting export of mined materials from this project? How will that be enforced?	07 – Regulatory Oversight and Accountability
93	Because you're on the Canadian Stock Exchange, how are the regulations going to affect something in Colorado?	07 – Regulatory Oversight and Accountability
94	Of your executive team, how many vote and pay taxes in La Plata County? How many in Colorado? How many in the U.S.?	07 – Regulatory Oversight and Accountability
95	What's your relationship with Newmont Corporation in Denver?	07 – Regulatory Oversight and Accountability
96	If mining this area was attempted in the past and failed (evidence of abandoned mines), why is Metallic Minerals confident this project will succeed?	07 – Regulatory Oversight and Accountability
97	Are you aware this area is still dealing with extremely negative consequences from mining from 100+ years ago? Why would we want more?	07 – Regulatory Oversight and Accountability

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98	Mining in this area has historically left the environment in worse condition than before. Do you have any plans to break this historical pattern? Why should we believe your intentions are good when you seem to be extracting something from a beloved place for the sake of profit?	07 – Regulatory Oversight and Accountability
99	What is the size comparison with the acid leach mine by Picoso / Summitville?	07 – Regulatory Oversight and Accountability
100	What is an outline of your safety plan regarding workers?	07 – Regulatory Oversight and Accountability
101	If members of your team love these mountains and this area, why do you want to profit by exploiting the land for 'hopes to become a mine,' knowing that block cave mining with massive subsidence is likely?	07 – Regulatory Oversight and Accountability
102	How will you access the drill sites with water trucks? La Plata Canyon? Rush Basin? If mining eventually happens, same question for hauling ore.	05 – Infrastructure and Access
103	How do you plug up the holes created by drilling?	04 – Project Scope and Timeline
104	Why did you state the end goal is a mine and then stress that mines never happen (1%)?	07 – Regulatory Oversight and Accountability
105	Where is the international market at this time?	03 – Community Benefits and Local Economy
106	USFS wreck forest — what do we get?	03 – Community Benefits and Local Economy
107	Why choose a sensitive area like the La Platas instead of a range that has little recreation or somewhere in the Midwest or South?	04 – Project Scope and Timeline
108	Can you describe the physical footprint of the drilling sites?	04 – Project Scope and Timeline
109	What do you mean by 'sustainable mining' — especially when extraction is inherently something taken that will not exist afterward?	04 – Project Scope and Timeline
110	What is the relationship between Metallic Minerals and the La Plata Mountains and Public Lands Coalition?	07 – Regulatory Oversight and Accountability
111	During today's presentation, a member of the exploration team discussed career experience working on mineral projects internationally — why would or should that comfort anyone in this room?	07 – Regulatory Oversight and Accountability
112	I don't want to hate you, but it feels like you're trying to take away something we love and you're unable to define your limits on doing so. Why should I not hate you?	07 – Regulatory Oversight and Accountability

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113	Can you make a better project map including road names, mountain names, and drainage/water names?	05 – Infrastructure and Access
114	Have you read The Monkey Wrench Gang?	07 – Regulatory Oversight and Accountability
115	It would be best for the La Platas if you just left.	07 – Regulatory Oversight and Accountability
116	Does the La Plata Project consider any area too valuable in its natural state not to mine?	04 – Project Scope and Timeline
117	'Sustainable mining?' Sounds like clean coal...	04 – Project Scope and Timeline
118	Is there a make-or-break amount of copper that needs to be found for the project to continue? Is there a viability threshold?	04 – Project Scope and Timeline
119	In other mining projects, what is Metallic Minerals' CPID rate and general relationship with MSHA?	07 – Regulatory Oversight and Accountability
120	As a resident of Breen, a few miles south of the La Platas, we have property up to the La Plata River with cows, horses, and growing our own feed. What will the impact be for farmers south of Hesperus when it comes to water and mining pollution runoff?	01 - Water Resources and Protection
121	How should residents close to the La Platas — such as Durango West — be concerned for health hazards and economic impact? Have you been found liable for any health or economic disasters?	07 – Regulatory Oversight and Accountability
122	When and how are we going to learn to live with less? Less copper? Less taking from the earth? Not more — less.	02 - Environmental Protection and Wildlife
123	When will you be drilling this year in Rush Basin above the Mayday River headwaters?	04 – Project Scope and Timeline
124	Could you provide specifics on the process of mineral exploration?	04 – Project Scope and Timeline
125	How many grazing acres will be made unusable by either you or the eventual mining company?	07 – Regulatory Oversight and Accountability
126	What is the 2026 exploration schedule? Where?	04 – Project Scope and Timeline
127	Can you please not use our public land for profit?	07 – Regulatory Oversight and Accountability
128	What is the end goal of your drilling?	07 – Regulatory Oversight and Accountability

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129	Could you explain what 'sustainable mining' means for the actual environment?	07 – Regulatory Oversight and Accountability
130	Do you stop exploring after five years or continue until you find enough minerals to extract?	04 – Project Scope and Timeline
131	What mine is your gold standard that you would like to replicate — similarly situated next to communities relying on agriculture and recreation?	07 – Regulatory Oversight and Accountability
132	Talk about your collaboration with MSI and their citizen science. What input have you had and how will you use their data as a baseline?	07 – Regulatory Oversight and Accountability

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