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Comments: To whom it may concern,

Thank you for taking the time to read this. Am I really correct in understanding that this entire project is so a Canadian company can take over a massively polluted US gold mining strip mine site? One that should be already getting funding as a habitat restoration site. Because the company doesn't want to have to pay for the fact it already is too polluted for legal limits?!? Further, the US Forest Service already approved this massive potential re-contamination instead of restoration because...money? Worse, if this falls through it means the taxpayers are still left with paying to try to clean up horrible environmental damage (left by now bankrupt companies that reaped giant profits) to an area critical to the health and well being of an entire ecosystem that people rely on too! Not only should they not get the site. The US government needs to fully commit the funds to clean up, restore, and preserve this area, and give conservatorship of it over to the local Native American tribes (with a majority of women in the councils) to determine whether dams, and other man made obstructions, need to be removed to restore the land to something that can sustain all of us...

We can not keep pillaging our planet for profit. We are at a tipping point, and it is time to stand up and say no more! I am normally a peaceable, kind person, but this last 4 years has seriously tested my ability to stand by and watch as our planet is raped and destroyed! No more. Fix this, and stop!

Regards, Marsha Turner