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Comments: To Whom It May Concern,

Mining is a hazard to vulnerable ecosystems, particularly those along rivers, and rivers are our most important resource because they contain the most essential element for our survival, water..

When mining companies enter an area they pollute rampantly, with little effort for environmental cleanup. These companies can also then declare bankruptcy to avoid responsibility for their pollution.

Do not approve the proposed gold mine on the Smith River.