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Comments: I am writing to oppose the expansion of the Stillwater Mine on the East Boulder river in Montana. This river and this area are home to hundreds of native bird, aquatic, plant and animal species that need our protection not our destruction of their habitat. The dollars made from this mine are in very short site of the inherent value and need for an intact, healthy ecosystem. Each expansion of a mine, a logged area, damaging that which gives us life in the form of clean water and clean air, takes us that much closer to not having a planet that will sustain us or anything else. Please take the big picture into consideration and not just the dollars made. Short sidedness leads to decay for all.