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Comments: As a small business owner I lean towards capitalism and using the land as a resource. However the historical mismanagement/ failure of open pit mines and earthen dam containments is concerning.

All earthen dams will fail its only a matter of time. The waste water needs to be dealt with off site. A alternative solution to store, treat, dispose of waste water off site away from the water sources and potential environmental impact would help alleviate some concerns.

The gold mining industry is needed but they have to modernize their practices. What we know now of environmental impact from this type of mining requires a modern day mining technique. That is easier said than done, but that doesn't alleviate our responsibility to protect the land that we plan to use. It's the only land we have and we all would like our kids to see what we have seen, and use what we have used. Our responsibility is to continue to make it better. Until a new way to mine is invented off site collection away from critical freshwater ecosystems is a requirement. This is a multiple use land and one industry should not destroy or endanger other industries and natural renewable resources.