Data Submitted (UTC 11): 1/4/2023 4:57:32 PM First name: Cameron Last name: Schwanebeck Organization: Title: Comments: To whom it may concern,

I feel concerned about the affects of the mining project on South fork. I have read that 392 million tons of heavy metal laden and possible acid-generating material will be disturbed and stored with potential to further contaminate water resources. I know this will affect the local ecosystem, possibly poisoning plant and animal life at and around the water source. This alone should be reason not to but also through biomagnification this poses as a huge problem for the people and keystone species which the ecosystem depends on and wild cease to exist without. Its extremely important that we protect our waterways as water sustains us.