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Comments: As an active river user who has made a living working as a white water rafting guide and swift water rescue instructor for over 15 years, I ask that this project not be permitted and the waterways be protected from any further mining operations. We have seen time and time again rivers being destroyed by mines, where natural resources are being exploited for profit. Anything downstream of the mine is negatively affected and often the river becomes unrunnable, unfishable, and we lose another natural gem. We can see the effects of projects like these from previous generations and yet we have not learned from their lessons. While I understand some mines have their place and many provide resources for everyday life, I do not want to see one built in such a pristine environment with such large consequences that reach far downstream. Thank you for your consideration.