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Comments: We cannot keep swapping our precious lands for human consumption. At some point in time, this has to stop, and we need to maintain the protections we established long before needs such as this mining venture have presented.

There is a carrying capacity to all things, and we continue to base our human/public health on growth. This is the wrong model. We need to explore ways to reuse what we've already exploited, vs finding new venues to exploit.

So many of these efforts fall enormously short of reclamation and restoration. Please don't let this happen to one of our incredible protected natural areas, that currently and ultimately serves us in water quality, ecosystem and all of its flora/fauna.