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Comments: Is this mine necessary compared to the benefits of a healthy, wild river? This river provides so many ecological benefits but also recreational benefits. People seeking a wilderness experience seek these to have a moving experience. My profession is an outdoor education facilitator and I've seen numerous times the benefits to people having a moving experience in the outdoors. People that feel connected to the land will take care of the land. People that take care of the land will show continuous commitment rather than exploit and move on.

Whatever scars that are put in this river bed will take generations to repair, let alone if a Catastrophe happens. I urge the thought to be put in to take in the native folks as well; what is their connection to this land? Has that been thought of ? I urge the folks in charge to consider the issue what impact will this have on future generations.