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Comments: Rivers are a very small piece of the puzzle that is our home. Healthy rivers are an essential part of a functioning ecosystem. Without a functional ecosystem, quality of life for all beings decreases significantly. As humans, with such power to decimate natural areas of land, necessitates an even bigger responsibility to not use that power for the benefit of life as a whole. Mining for inanimate material is a very temporary act... that mine will run dry, and then another with be erected in a different beautiful landscape. One by one, creations like this mine pick the beauty and resilience away from our planet. So I, as a steward of the land and speaker for the trees, all that this does not happen, for it will lead to a better life in the future for everyone if it does not happen. Leave the rivers alone!