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Comments: I absolutely support protecting this area and am surprised and saddened that it is even a conversation. Equally, I am grateful to and proud of the organizations that understand what is at risk as they work to protect the Pactola area.

The hills are rich in resources, and this area no doubt contains financially valuable materials - but when harvested those materials will run out. When they do, the area will be left irreparably damaged. It is probable that damage will also occur in the process of harvesting materials, and anyone who says otherwise is selling something.

We know that in its current form, and natural forms that follow, Pactola provides a unique and glorious experience for locals and visitors alike.

Don't risk damaging something that serves so many to feed the short-term hunger of so few.

Thank you.

Sean Covell