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Comments: I can look throughout the hills and see the impact that mining has left on our land. Ground that was once habitable for migratory birds and respite for mammals is slowly depleting. Reclamation after projects such as this can never truly restore what is lost. We must do our due diligence and keep the land wild and untouched. One of the impacts these projects cause should be evident to us all in the crisis we face with climate change. Studies show that Earth has about 11 years to rein in emissions if we want to avoid the worst damage from climate change. We, as a society cannot keep in the same cycle, we all must put in effort and sacrifice to remediate the effects this has caused. I truly cannot understand any benefit from a gold mine or even exploratory adventures. This seems like it would benefit the few and harm the many.