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Comments: To whom it may concern,

Withdrawing this land is a far greater investment than mining it. No doubt you have heard many arguments already regarding how disrespectful mining this land would be to the local inhabitants. I hope you have also taken into account how environmentally harmful mining this land would be. Damage to watersheds can result in changes far and wide. In a time where climate change is already exacerbating natural disasters such as the recent Canadian wildfires, further damage to natural ecosystems is not just irresponsible, it could be catastrophic.

A mine can be prosperous for many years. A healthy ecosystem can keep many communities alive and healthy for generations. Please, emphasize the long term effects in your decision. Many other ecosystems have been lost and will be lost in the coming years. One healthy watershed cannot make up for that, but the more that is preserved, the more easily the rest can be recovered.

Thank you for your time and consideration.