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Comments: It is unreasonable to block exploration for 20 years because it will make it so that we cannot study the geology of this area. More reasons that this is unreasonable is because in 20 years the economy could change unpredictably, and we might need the resources. When we mine in the United States, we do it in an environmentally safe manner, but when other superpowers mine they do not take nearly as many efforts to reduce the amount of environmental harm, especially when this mining is conducted in poor countries. Mining in the United States is the environmentally and morally responsible thing to do.