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Comments: We are very concerned about the water quality and wildlife implications of the latest permit application for a coal mine near Mena. Dina has researched the health effects of coal mines, and the water is very likely to be negatively affected for decades after mines disrupt the local water flow patterns and the heavy metals are exposed and are allowed to spill into streams which flow further downstream and affect people, game and fish, and then often the land cannot ever be restored properly after mines are closed.

Please be sure the NEPA process is followed to the letter! Thank you. You are the public's protection ! We would prefer NOT to have a coal mine, but clean alternative energy, instead!

Thank you!

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