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Comments: The reopening of gold mines in such close proximity to critically important habitats for a multitude of species, most notably salmon who are already facing extinction threat, is an unacceptable decision made by the those with legal control over the land. The harm which toxic chemicals used in mining operation will cause when they spill into the waterways will be devastating, with effects in all downstream watersheds. Salmon require sensitive environmental conditions to survive, and the addition of chemicals such as arsenic and cyanide pose a grave threat to their presence. The loss of salmon would be incredibly problematic as they serve a critical role in the ecosystem cycling nutrients from the ocean to inland watersheds while providing sustenance to many other native species. There is no reason that such an unnecessary threat to the well-being of the ecosystem should be reintroduced via the reopening of this site.