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Comments: I support this withdrawal.

I and my fellow humans and my ancestors have taken water, beauty, and life from the land as if there were a limitless supply. We now have the wisdom to know this is not true.

As a resident of the arid desert in Arizona, I'm particularly aware of how limited our water is. Every tree, every animal, and even every insect competes for access to even a few drops of water to sustain their lives. Clean water can no longer be guaranteed for all of us, and so it is important that we preserve what we still have left.

For these reasons, I ask that the mining companies withdraw from the headlands of the Rapid Creek Watershed. We will have to learn to live without all the precious minerals extracted by mines, but is that such a bad thing?

Thank you for allowing me this chance to comment.