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Our world is on the precipice of enormous and deadly changes as we pump ever more CO2 into the atmosphere. We MUST preserve ecosystems as the results of global heating will include disruption in clean, fresh water supplies--something the mine will also do. It is vital that we preserve these lands if there are to be future generations. The science is clear on this.

Part of healing from the damage of excessive extraction of minerals requires a deeper and more profound respect for extant ecosystems, one reflected in indigenous beliefs and practices. The knowledge and wisdom found therein can guide us to being stewards, as a species, rather than simply kowtowing to the greed of a few.

In addition, we have ENORMOUS amounts of mined material now sitting in waste dumps. We must learn FAST now how to mine those both to recover lost minerals as well as in cleaning and closing landfills. The deranged philosophy of eternal growth on our limited planet is hurtling us all down the highway of self-inflicted extinction.

Please expedite the Withdrawal proposal to the Secretary of the Department of Interior. Thank you for your attention.