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Comments: I support the permanent withdrawal of mining at the headlands of the Rapid Creek Watershed. The introduction of mining activities on any land is intrusive and produces toxic outcomes in the construction, transportation and extraction of mined minerals. This targeted harm to the greater earth and climate must be weighed against the narrow benefits to a few individuals.

I live in Northern California where matters of water and land are vital to the continuing existence of communities. Clean water is vital to humans, animals, plants and fisheries, often which suffer harm due to toxic human activities that may appear geographically distant. Toxic activities can no longer be deemed isolated in the context of climate change. Amazon deforestation affects carbon dioxide mitigation far removed from the Amazon. Mining in the Rapid Creek Watershed will without doubt contribute to an increasing climate crisis impacting a broader area.

As the climate changes due to rampant industrialization, primal land and water resources must be protected beyond current environmental measurements to encompass a future of rising sea levels, decreasing land mass, increasing severe weather events, human migration and scarcity of potable water and agricultural land.

I am asking you to look forward and turn a page beyond myopic vision. Further, I ask that you expedite the Withdrawal proposal to the Secretary of the Department of Interior in due haste.

Thank you.