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Comments: I support the proposed mineral withdrawal on the Hassayampa River in the Prescott National Forest. There are numerous benefits for the people of Arizona to support this proposal. The river helps protect the water quality for Prescott and the region as well as providing critical habitat for sensitive wildlife species like the Mexican spotted owl. The Hassayampa River riparian corridor also provides recreational opportunities including hiking, backpacking, camping, hunting, horseback riding, bird watching and more. Many of these activities I have personally enjoyed while living in Prescott. Mining poses a conflict with these uses. So many more people are served by protecting this area than the few that may benefit from the minor commercially viable deposits that remain. Today let us protect that which we can protect.