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Comments: My wife and I have lived 5 miles downstream from the headwaters of the Hassayampa River for over 50 years. Over the years we have seen the devastating effects of little to no enforcement of dredging operations along the river. In the late 1990's the United States Forest Service implemented a 20 year mineral withdrawal which had a noticeable positive effect on stopping unethical mining activities on the Hassayampa River.

Unfortunately, in spite of being informed that this plan was expiring, USFS failed to renew the plan. This brings us to the current situation and the same problems that we experienced in the 1970's and 80's. We highly recommend and support the new, expanded withdrawal proposal by the USFS for the headwaters of the Hassayampa River Mineral Withdrawal.

Sincerely,

Bill & Laura Fields