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Comments: I reside in Nevada. I have traveled extensively throughout the state and observed numerous mining operations.

There is a consistent theme to mining operations that is apparent to even the casual observer, major alterations to the landscape are always the result from mining activities and they are far from complimentary to the surrounding environment. In fact the tailings discard formations are potentially hazardous considering their vulnerability to rapid erosion and sudden collapse.

Add to this the high potential for toxicity within the tailings from naturally occurring heavy metals along with processing chemicals and the threat to delicate flora and fauna increases exponentially.

The risks to the natural environment are far too great to be subservient to limited, short-term industrial benefits and profit potentials.

There are mining area potentials in less sensitive regions that can suffice and do minimal harm by comparison.

Wise land management requires a holistic approach without the artificial financial considerations overwhelming common sense, long-term priorities.

Mining operations ALWAYS peter out in relatively short time spans but leave very long scars on the environment and nearby communities. They're boom / bust cycle paradigms with a history of undesirable overall outcomes.

I do not envision a favorable outcome from a mining operation in the proposed region under consideration.