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I do not live in the area where the water could be affected by the mining, but I know a lot of people who do. I do live in an area that is now at high risk of running out of water due to the drought.

The city of Conway and Conway county's water is very low. We are on voluntary conservation now, but may soon be changed to involuntary.

With the concerns about water due to climate change, as well as businesses that use a lot of water, I think all of our state water sources are already at a high risk of not being sufficient for the amount of people and operations that need it. We can't live without water. Towns die without water.

I think it would be foolish to do anything to cause a further risk to our water, and mining in the areas proposed, from what I have researched and found, it would most definitely put yet another water source at risk.

I think the people and their water needs should be number one, and that would mean saying NO to mining in the area.

Sincerely,

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