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I support permanent withdrawal of this watershed from sulfide ore mining. There are many reasons, but the critical reason is the very long duration of toxic runoff risk from tailings. There is no realistic solution to this risk and its resulting future costs. No credit-worthy bond extends for the duration of this risk. The mining operation has no incentive to protect this risk after the ore has been commercially exhausted. Consequently, as a practical matter this risk reverts to taxpayers, meaning that the mining operation gets the benefits and we get the burdens – it's corporate welfare.

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