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Please stop open pit mining in Maine. With the recent closings of many factories & mills, our land & rivers are now able to heal. Maine is a special state that thrives on nature & tourism of the land. This land is sacred to me. My grandchildren will live here. I want my family to have a healthy beautiful home state. Please don't allow any large scale mining operations to begin. Please stop this before we have to stand up for our land rights. Don't allow greed to kill our beautiful earth. Stop this before it starts. Leave what little is here alone. Maine doesn't have much, please don't make the states conditions worse. This world is in a horrible danger.

"Environmental hazards are present during every step of the open-pit mining process. Hardrock mining exposes rock that has lain unexposed for geological eras. When crushed, these rocks expose radioactive elements, asbestos-like minerals, and metallic dust. During separation, residual rock slurries, which are mixtures of pulverized rock and liquid, are produced as tailings, toxic and radioactive elements from these liquids can leak into bedrock if not properly contained."

Just a quick search brings this up. Without much knowledge anyone can easily determine that Mining is not for Maine & Maine is not for Mining. We are here to protect & preserve the land, not strip it & poison our people.

Sincerely,
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