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Sirs,

My family lived in Roque Bluffs since the 1800s. We have a deep connection to the State of Maine.

I just read the proposed changes to Maine mining regulations going to public hearing Sept. 15. Please enter this letter into the record for that hearing.

I Think these changes are unsuitable and detrimental to this lovely state.

A few (of the hundreds) of examples that if passed would be a catastrophe to our entire state:

Mines in flood plains/flood hazard areas?

Cutting short perpetual care?

Streamlined permitting?

Some aspects of mining not requiring permits at all?

I won't elucidate further. I do hope and expect that any bills sent to the legislature will require Best Management Practices for all activities.

Sincerely ,
Bill Thorne