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Although I do not live in Maine year round, I have a home on portage lake and spend four months a year there. Maine has some of the most spectacularly beautiful land and waters on the face of this earth. In my life, I have traveled so many places but nothing competes with the treasures we have right here. Please keep Maine land and waters safe. Preserve this wonder from the damages of mining. There are so few places of such clean, preserved beauty. Don't be the legislature that goes down in history responsible for the end of this. Let my children, your children and many generations to come know and love this place as it is today. In a world with so many troubles, let's keep Maine the beautiful, clean, place that it is.

I blog about the beauty I have found here and have included a few of them below. These reflect my experiences and I hope Maine is preserved for many more people to have these experiences. I am all for progress but not when it has so much harm attached to it. Add my voice to the opposition.

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