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To: <u>DEP, MiningComments2016</u>

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Dear members of the BEP,

I have recently leaned about the new mining laws based on Bald Mountain in Aroostook County, and I know it will effect the Moosehead Lake Region and Down East coast. I'm strongly against the suggested mining rules. For there is to strong of a chance of our body's of waters to be destroyed, weather it be from run off, or from a hazardous parts of the mine such as wasterock piles and tailing ponds in floodplains and flood hazard areas. I have also heard that the laws would allow mining under of Maine's body's of water. If there is any leakage or disaster the waste will ruin the water for all the citizens, the fish and the wildlife such as the moose. People who depend on the wildlife for a living will be out of job. The environment is jeopardized for future generations with this bill. Please vote against this bill!

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