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## Dear BEP,

It's come to my attention as a resident of New England that there is a proposal to begin mining natural resources in areas of Maine including Bald mountain in Aroostook county. I've read over your laws and have come to the conclusion that they are not properly protecting the environment. Allowing mining on public reserve lands in Maine would not only destroy natural resources, it would leave countless native species homeless, or even dead.

Mining comes with a lot of danger and consequences. Groundwater contamination and accidents would negatively affect residents and may even lead to families leaving their homes. It is necessary to protect both the environment and the wellbeing of residents who have resided in the area for generations. Maine is one of the most beautiful states in the country and it is necessary to protect one of natures wonders.

Sincerely, A concerned citizen

-Lian