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Subject: Union Milling
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To Whom It May Concern

Please see the attached, representing my concern at the proposal for Union Milling to use sodium cyanide in its operations in the headwaters of the Arkansas River.

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RE: **Union Milling**

"In Leadville, where Union Milling company has applied to use sodium cyanide in its processes. The mill is immediately adjacent to the Leadville Sanitation District finishing pond, which drains into the Arkansas."

I have grave concerns about the use of sodium cyanide in the headwaters of the Arkansas River. The California Gulch and Yak tunnel spills in the 80's decimated the fish and invertebrate populations of the river, which took decades to recover.

The Arkansas now has the greatest amount of ***Gold Medal fishing water in the state***, about 102 miles, and is the most popular whitewater river in the country. A spill from this mine would devastate the economies of Leadville, Buena Vista, Salida, Cotopaxi, and Canon City. I urge you to deny their request for these reasons.

Very Concerned,

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cc: *Lake County Board of Commissioners.*

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