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## Comment:

Dear Ms. Lutz, As a resident of the Columbia River gorge, I believe protection of the river is the highest priority. Specifically, radioactive and/or toxic underground water must be prevented from reaching the river and polluting it. Once polluted, reclaiming the river may not be possible at all - at any cost, over any length of time. It would constitute "irreparable" harm and must be avoided. I urge that this priority guide the new cleanup budget. Regards, Louthea Griffin