

Can't lose the water

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Letter to the editor

I am concerned about subsidence which will probably happen if Cemex mines Jesse Morrow Mountain. With the many small aquifers located under Jesse Morrow Mountain, what happens with blasting? The rocks may fracture and the water will be lost or drained from the aquifers, which supply the ranches and homes all around the mountain.

The weight of the activity on top of the empty spaces left underground, may sink, which is called subsidence. The water used in the four wells they are planning also uses a precious resource for mining, and may cause water shortage and subsidence.

The Friant-Kern and Alta canals are at the foot of this mountain. The blasting and subsidence could crack them and cause the canals to sink. Who will fix them after the damage is done?

Subsidence is already happening in Fresno County because of too much water being pumped from our aquifers.