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Greetings

As I look at the plans that you all have worked so hard at and look great I can not help but say this will not fix the problem at its source. As Scott mentioned in his comment you will need to be prepared to continue to spend more of our hard earned moneys to maintain this plan in the future.

The problem is not a major flow of mud but a gradual flow of mud and rock with the seasonal rains with the differing volumes of material which I'm sure you have figured out. I suggest stopping the solid material flow at the source and keep it on the mountain. Build a dam east of the mouth of the canyon with drainage behind and through it, there is enough material that has already come through that you can screen out rock for a natural filter behind the dam to let clean water flow through. I'm guessing there is enough clay to seal it up so at some point you will have to get the dam high enough to create a lake with a spillway that will still allow the release of water. I know I have not addressed all of the potential issues but I'm sure you have enough sharp engineers at your disposal to figure it out. As far as looks go maybe it can be a rock/earthen dam that can have trees and shrubs planted on it, then in 30 years no one will know the difference. I figure if a river can be dammed up and hold back the water it does this should be a walk in the park.

Thank You for your consideration DT