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To: Tom Last

Subject: IMM DEIR Comment

Dear Mr. Last,

There are springs in the Cedar Ridge area that originate near to or above the proposed IMM shafts that are to be de-watered if the mine were to re-open. These springs feed the Woodpecker Ravine creek. I wrote to the Grass Valley Planner and the company preparing the DEIR regarding this issue prior to the creation of the DEIR requesting

that this issue be addressed. It was not addressed in the DEIR. In

fact, by reading the DEIR I got the distinct impression that the preparers were not sufficiently familiar with the different watersheds that stand to be impacted by the IMM project. I had a conversation with a licensed hydrogeologist regarding this issue and he stated that there is no way to rule out the negative impact that could occur. This issue needs to be addressed and mitigation measures need be included in the final EIR. Although I oppose reopening of the mine, if it were to be reopened, some of the water pumped from the shafts should be directed into the Woodpecker Ravine watershed to balance any water that has been removed. The environment and downstream water users will be impacted adversely by

reduced flow in the Woodpecker Ravine creek. I would be happy to

guide you or the EIR preparers to the location of some of the aforementioned springs.

Thank you,

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Ron Ramsey