

As a resident of Nevada City and of Banner Mountain I am writing to strongly encourage the City of Grass Valley to not approve the re-opening of this mine. The DEIR is full of misrepresentations including their identifying the largest mine area as "semi-rural?". In fact the main area of the mine is pretty central. The negative aspects of the mine will affect many residents and businesses in the surrounding area and will also effect many within a much larger area.

One large concern is the effect the dewatering of the mine could have on the wells in the area. They identify wells most likely effected and a second group with possible water problems. They claim that these wells could lose their water and will be hooked up to NID within 14 days. 14 days is an extremely unlikely period to create the infrastructure to connect a large group of affected homes/wells. Will they pay for the water delivered by NID for the future of those homes? What about mitigating the problems that homes outside this area might have. Some informed citizens feel that wells on Banner Mountain could be affected too.

The minuses of reopening this mine significantly outweigh the pluses. The problems that the mine could create are larger than anything facing our area. It should not be re-opened.

Sincerely,

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