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To Whom it May Concern:

Please do not open the Idaho-Maryland mine. I am not for the Idaho-Maryland mine project in Grass Valley. A new mine in overworked/over-mined earth will only increase the devastation to the seasonal dry forest Sierras. As a historically heavily mined area I propose that we let the earth heal itself. The devastation wrought unto the pines is an equally compelling factor. We cannot continue to condone death to the pines- we depend on our natural habitat for survival. Without trees and more mining there will be additional erosion, heavily toxic runoff and an irritated fauna.

Sincerely,

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