

GRASS VALLEY

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To whom it concerns,

Community Dev. Dept.

I am opposed to the Idaho-Maryland Mine Project. I feel that this is not the kind of growth that will draw other clean environmentally friendly businesses to our area. I am concerned about water in our wells. They state that wells are normally 300 ft. This was in 2006 how has that changed with the drought. Does any one know how far this fracture fault lines travel is it only the immediate area surrounding the mine or do they travel further and support the wells in out lying areas. Are these outlying areas given any protection? According to Banner Mtn home owner we are out in the cold. They say that they will mitigate those residences impacted but how will you be able to prove it if you are outside the outlying area.

I have read in the Union that some of tech based industry is considering leaving if the mine is reopened because their equipment is so sensitive it will be impacted by the blasting. I question how many of the jobs that are high paying will go to local residents. Is there any arsenic in the water to be dewatered? As the dewater occurs is it possible that the water quality might change. We do not need heavy equipment traffic on are roads.

Tourists want the charm of a mine town not the reality of a mine. I disagree that is will have a positive environmental, social and economic benefit. What guarantees do we have that they will protect our community and not just sell it once it is approved? Will this company prove an asset or a deterrent to draw new businesses and homeowners to this area? In an area already dealing with poor air quality why would you want to add a business that only increases the poor air quality? **Please do not vote or encourage this development.**

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Public Comment Card

Idaho-Maryland Mine Project
Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)
SCH No. 2007092017
Comment Period: 10/30/08 to 12/15/08

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Comment Card: Name: Darlene Shimada (Voluntary)
Address: 13030 Cedar Crest Lane, Grass Valley, CA 95945 (Voluntary)
Organization (if any): _____

Comment: Please do not allow the Idaho-Maryland mine to re-open. Their operation will destroy our beautiful landscape. The air pollution in Grass Valley is already bad. I've heard from friends who are looking to move to the Sierra Foothills that they won't move to Grass Valley.

Concentrate on improving our air quality, not making it worse. New jobs don't help if we can't breath good air and the air makes us sick.

This project is too big and too close to this many people. It cannot be compared to 1956 when the mine closed.

How can we put this on the ballot for all Grass Valley residences to vote on?

Public Comment Card

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Comment Card: Name: Jerry Henderson
Address: 446 Glenwood Rd, Grass Valley, Ca
Organization: None

Comment: Topic - Air Quality

The draft EIR finds that there will be a significant adverse effect on air quality that can not be mitigated. However, the report does not detail the health impacts of an increase in degraded air. A study by CSU Fullerton finds that:

1. The result of non-attainment of air quality standards in California is 3000 additional deaths each year.
2. The cost to the state in premature deaths and deteriorating health in infants, children, and adults at risk due to age or other health problems is \$28 billion a year.

Given this information, which was not available while the draft EIR was being prepared, the authors of the report should quantify what the increased deterioration in air quality will mean to the area in terms of premature deaths, and added health costs. Furthermore, the authors should address the economic impact in terms of people and businesses who will move out of the area, and how the increased degradation of our air will keep people and businesses from moving here.

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CITY OF GRASS VALLEY
PLANNING DIVISION

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Comment Card: Name: _____ (Voluntary)

Address: Gross Valley - 1 mile from IMM (Voluntary)

Organization (if any): _____

Comment: The draft EIR states that air

quality degradation is not mitigatable.

The citizens of Gross Valley have the

right to breathe. It will be a

sad day when the planning commission

trades our right to clean air for ourselves

our neighbors and tourists for a

few jobs.

IMM does not live here & does

not breathe our air.

We all need air more than jobs.

Do not trade our air for a few jobs.



Ms Elise S Hougesen
418 Oak St
Grass Valley CA 95945

November 15, 2008

Dear Grass Valley City Council,

I'm sorry that I could not attend the joint meeting concerning the re-opening of the Idaho-Maryland Mine due to a cold. I hope that you will consider my words, now.

Most of us voted overwhelmingly for a City Council that we hope will be economically / quality-of-life sensible. We did not vote for the small, consistently loud and present group of people that has voiced their disastrous towards-life, anti-prosperity, anti-property opinions since NH 2020!

I have a home near the Mine also. One worked hard to pay it off. It is near Memorial Park, its value has increased and decreased due to the job market, more than our present economic bankingiasco. Opening the mine would increase its value again due to prosperity and high employment. Idaho-Maryland Mine has proved environmental responsibility over and over again, anti-prosperity protestors bring up 1870's mining days over and over again. Well, guess what? The Mine won't be run by 1870's technology or policies!

I'm listening to the Old Timer. Here's the voice of another Old Timer, who used to own a slip mold ceramic's shop by Memorial Park decades ago. She was married to a miner and spoke fondly of the pre-1953 mining days in Grass Valley.

"It used to be a wonderful place to live. It used to be a Norman Rockwell town. Everyone was prosperous, happy and decent. Whenever the pounding of the Stamp Mill up above (at Empire Mine) stopped, we all listened to find out what had happened. We listened to the whistle to hear if it was for equipment repair or sometimes an accident. When it stopped, our lives stopped. Our livelihoods

depended upon the operation of the mines, we all breathed again when that Stamp Mill started pounding again. It was the life blood of the town!

Everyone knows our pollution comes from traffic from Sacramento and the Bay Area, up the valley corridor. Grass Valley is in that direct line. It also comes from forest fires. Remember three months of smoke last summer? These forest fires were caused by this same anti-prosperity group! They won't allow lumbermen to cut trees! The Indians never allowed the forests to become so thick! This group ought to be jailed for 6 months and forced to listen to 8 hours a day of KNCO to develop a reality-check component in their brains! Now we are going to build a high speed train reducing air pollution a lot. This will more than offset any pollution the Mine may produce.

Environmental regulations are such that naturally occurring elements go over the "pollution" limit. Just look at all the ugly, orange fencing in Memorial and Empire Mine parks! Useless and utterly wasteful!

The Mine is going to treat water to be cleaner than what is in Wolf Creek, as well. Why procrastinate until economic times are even worse, an even more pro-business City Council is elected and an environmentally INSENSITIVE Mine moves in taking over the environmentally SENSITIVE Mine you procrastinated out of existence?

Yolanda, Jan and Linda, we elected you to represent us at meetings so we don't have to attend. We elected you to bring prosperity to Grass Valley in a responsible, environmentally healthy manner. We elected you to approve of the Idaho-Maryland Mine overwhelmingly over the other anti-mine, anti-prosperity candidates! Please listen to the majority of the voters and create 400 employed shoppers!

Sincerely,
Elise Hougese

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PUBLIC COMMENT CARD
Idaho-Maryland Mine Project DEIR SCH No. 2007092017
Comment Period: 10/30/08 – 1/20/09

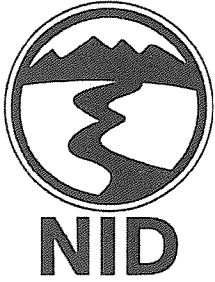
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Name: J. Pelton, home owner and resident, Grass Valley

After attending the open house on Tuesday, 11/18, and then reading through the recently released draft environmental impact report, I am very surprised that this project is still alive, considering that the benefits are so uncertain, while the substantial costs are certain and far-reaching:

- 1) The Emgold/IMMC estimate of 400 net new jobs over the estimated 14 years of "stabilized" operation assumes a profitable mine and ceramics plant, both in full operation in Grass Valley. However, since the location of the ceramics plant appears to be an open question and the marketability of the Ceramixt product is unknown, the jobs estimate could quickly fade to 200 or fewer. Of course, the anticipated net new jobs will evaporate altogether if existing employers on Whispering Pines and elsewhere in Grass Valley pack up and leave as a result of the negative environmental impact created by the mine, taking tax revenue with them. Have you asked the business owners on Whispering Pines for their input?
- 2) Grass Valley residents with homes around the mine site will see their property values plummet. Are you prepared to buy those properties at pre-mine fair market value, or defend against the inevitable lawsuits?
- 3) Before they can even begin to take any ore out of the mine, Emgold/IMMC will need to spend a LOT of money up front for bringing NID water to properties with wells around the mine site, for cleaning up toxic mine waste already existing on the site, for construction of water treatment facilities prior to dewatering the tunnels, for gravel roads and parking, for enhancements to existing City roads and intersections, for construction of mine buildings and the ceramics plant, for storage and security.
- 4) It is not at all clear that Emgold/IMMC has the resources to honor their promise of "mitigation". Nonetheless, the City would be required to provide the infrastructure for delivery of significant amounts natural gas, electricity, and water to the mine, as well as "higher than average levels of (public safety) staffing, specialized training and equipment".
- 5) Emgold/IMMC could turn right around and sell the project to another foreign entity. What then? Once started, they could abandon the project at any stage. What then? Has the City attorney weighed in on this from a financial risk management perspective?
- 6) The DEIR lists air pollution as significant and unavoidable. Air quality in Nevada County is already poor due primarily to smog/ozone from Valley cities. The Sacramento Bee has published several articles about this, including coverage of a Sierra ozone summit in Grass Valley, during which some young families stated their intention to leave this area because of poor air quality and the specific danger to developing children from ozone pollution. Diesel exhaust from trucks and equipment during mine construction and operation, as well as blast chemicals, will further degrade air quality in our area.
- 7) The potential for contamination of Wolf Creek cannot be overstated and, by extension, contamination of the downstream waterways with which Wolf Creek merges. A recent study of modern era hard-rock mining shows that most of those mines failed to prevent ground water contamination with toxic heavy metals, arsenic, and cyanide, despite their stated intention to the contrary. Pollution of Wolf Creek is already an issue, brought forward via a lawsuit regarding drainage from the Empire Mine.
- 8) Spilled explosives, or "remnant undetonated charges in mined waste rock" can (and has at other mines) resulted in contamination of ground surface and ground water with ammonia and nitrates.
- 9) The project sits on top of a splinter earthquake fault in the Foothills Fault Zone. The DEIR states "it is possible that a seismic event capable of shaking the ground surface may occur sometime during the expected life of the project". The USGS website confirms that deep mining can cause (and has caused) quakes.
- 10) In assessing the significance of ground/water pollution and hazards to nearby residences, the preparers of the DEIR have made the unrealistic assumption that the mine operators, crews and contractors will all consistently do everything according to "best practices", consistently adhere to all federal and state regulations, and never have any accidents. Please.
- 11) In their own words, the assumptions by the preparers of the DEIR cannot be accepted without further investigation and action by others: the "possibility of generating asbestos laden dust" during grading; the need for "a complete characterization" of backfill materials by the Regional Water Quality Control Board "to prevent those materials from impacting the naturally occurring quality of area ground water"; the need for "detailed analyses of materials to be backfilled underground by a qualified geochemist"; the need for "detailed geotechnical subsurface investigations when assessing location and condition of near surface underground mine workings that may pose a threat of collapse".

Re-opening the Idaho-Maryland mine would be a huge mistake, with long term consequences for the quality of life in Grass Valley. Instead, let's concentrate our efforts on keeping businesses that have already located here, and attracting clean industries that will bring in revenue while enhancing our community.



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November 17, 2008

GRASS VALLEY

Thomas Last, Planning Director
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Re: NOC Draft EIR for Idaho-Maryland Mine Project

Dear Mr. Last:

Thank you for the opportunity to review the referenced document. The District would like the following comments on file.

In Section 4.7.4 – Cumulative Impacts, the document states “NID has determined that supplying surface water to households, in the event that wells dewater, is feasible and within its projected water demand”. While the source of the District’s treated water is “surface water”, the water actually delivered to the affected households will have gone through state approved treatment processes and therefore no longer considered “surface water”. The regulations of the California Department of Health do not allow the District to supply surface water for household use.

If you have any questions, you may contact me at the number below.

Sincerely,

Bill Gann
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Nevada Irrigation District
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November 18, 2008

Grass Valley Planning Commission
Public Comment

Re: Idaho-Maryland Mine Project DEIR
SCH No. 2007092017

Honorable Planning Commissioners,

Thank you for this opportunity to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report on the impacts of the proposed re-opening Idaho Maryland Mine. The Sierra Fund is a community foundation dedicated to increasing public and private investment in protecting the special people and places of the Sierra Nevada, including our abundant natural resources.

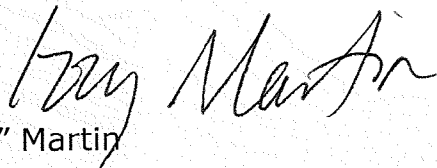
We have spent the last several years developing a comprehensive analysis of what happened during the Gold Rush and its ongoing environmental, cultural and health impacts. Our research has benefited from the work of CSU, Chico scientists, state and federal agency regulators, public health experts, and conservation leaders. A copy of our findings is available in our report *Mining's Toxic Legacy* (download from our website at www.sierrafund.org/campaigns/mining).

The Sierra Fund has assembled a team of experts to carefully review this EIR, especially how it assesses and addresses the legacy mining toxins left from the Idaho-Maryland's historic mining operation. We will carefully examine the recommended mitigation measures to ensure that public and environmental health is appropriately protected from toxins that may be on site, including mercury, arsenic, asbestos and lead.

The length and complexity of the document requires more time than the normal 45 day period granted for review. We ask that the Planning Commission act today to extend the deadline for comments on this project to the legally allowable extent. We believe that this will enable members of our community to study the document and ensure that public participation is not compromised over the holiday period.

Please feel free to call me at (530) 265-8454 x11 if you have any questions about my comments.

For the Sierra,



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November 18, 2008

Tom Last, Planning Director
City of Grass Valley
125 East Main Street
Grass Valley, CA 94945

Dear Mr. Last,

Last week at a joint Grass Valley City Council and Planning Commission meeting, I requested that the City extend the Idaho Maryland Mine DEIR comment period. The project is very complex involving many layers of information and levels of understanding in order to properly examine the impacts. I respect Grass Valley's and ESA's efforts to explain and define the impacts of the project. However, 45 days is not sufficient time for the general public to assess and respond adequately to the document.

Recently another far reaching public process within our area, the Tahoe National Forest's OHV Travel Management Plan, was released for comment. The public was given 60 days to respond and just yesterday was granted another 30 days. Just as with the Mine, the Travel Management Plan took several years to develop and evolve. It seems only fair that the public have ample time to evaluate the impacts of an industrial development that will substantially change the way Grass Valley has been viewed for the last 50 years.

The City Council and its Commission is also in a period of transition with new members being seated within the next month or so - another reason to request that the City extend the comment period for the Idaho Maryland Mine DEIR.

Sincerely,

Barbara Rivenes, Conservation Chair

Public Comment Card
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Comment Card: Name: Mike Nevius (Voluntary)
Address: 10472 West Piper Lane, Nevada City, CA 95959 (Voluntary)

Comment: I live in Nevada City and am retired from the Tahoe National Forest. I came to the area 58 years ago when I was 10 years old. The economy was good then, lumber mills running, area mines open and employed many men at the North Star, Idaho-Maryland, Empire and Pennsylvania mines.

My dad had a grocery store at Union Hill. The miners from Cedar Ridge, Union Hill and the Union Hill area came to the store to purchase groceries, gas, etc. There were no major super markets then except for Safeway in Grass Valley. The fathers of the kids I ran around with were miners. It was an exciting time listening to the stories the miners told as they came in to the store. The pay scale was not very high but it was a fair wage for the times and men were working and the economy was strong. I don't recall any problems with air pollution from dust, ore crushing, or cars and trucks. The noise was minimal, occasionally hearing a whistle at shift changes and we never felt or heard blasting noise and I lived within ¼ mile of the Empire Mine. We played in the white quartz sand piles of waste south of the Empire where they had a sediment pond. I do admit "legacy" mining has created the problem cleanups of today; however with today's regulations the chances of this being a problem for the future are slim to none.

The Idaho-Maryland Mine has agreed to mitigate all areas of public concerns related to traffic, water, blasting, and hazardous wastes. I feel opening the mine could be a real boost to the economy as well as tourism – mining is after all our heritage and is now regulated by city, state, and federal laws. In my mind, it is a win, win business for Grass Valley and surrounding areas.

We live in a very historic area and many people came here for that reason. I am a volunteer for the North Star Mine Museum in Grass Valley, one of the best on the West Coast. I also volunteer at the Nevada City Narrow Gauge Museum and at Miners Foundry in Nevada City. I am a Past President of the Native Sons of the Golden West Hydraulic Parlor #56 in Nevada City where our interest is in preserving California history and historic sites.

I worked as a fleet mechanic for the Tahoe National Forest from 1974 to retirement in 1995 in downtown Nevada City at 412 Commercial Street. We had over 600 vehicles and heavy equipment we maintained at that site. All equipment came through town to the shop. At times we had to block streets to get low bed and trailer with tractors to the shop. Never did we have a problem with the city. The shop site had a wash rack with collective sump for hazardous oils and grease and dirt and we had it inspected and pumped as needed. All oils and greases, paints, brake fluids in storage had to have containment to comply with state and federal regulations. We worked from 7:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. There was some noise, dust and smoke from welding jobs, but we never heard complaints from neighbors or city managers.

I have been involved with Tahoe National Forest Minerals Officer, Greg Schimke in mine cleanups on the forest the past 14 years as a volunteer. Bond monies from previous mine operators have been used to fund cleanups. Also, budgeted cleanup funds were used where no bond money was collected. We are still actively cleaning up mine sites and closing old tunnels and shafts.

I am definitely in favor of the Idaho-Maryland Mine opening and I urge the Planning Commission and the City Council to allow this to happen as soon as possible. Please, no more extensions on this matter. Enough public meetings have been held over the past several years and it's time to make a decision. This has gone on long enough! Thank you. Mike Nevius



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November 12, 2008

Tom Last, Planning Director
City of Grass Valley
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Re: IMM Reopening and Local Well Levels

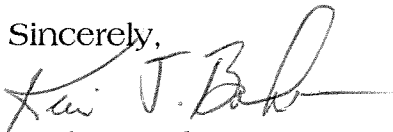
Dear Mr. Last:

We recently read the Draft EIR that is now available regarding the Idaho Maryland Mine (IMM) and its reopening.

As we are sure you are aware, the report found that the dewatering of the mine could cause dewatering of local wells. We own a parcel with a well. We are quite concerned about the toll the dewatering of the mine could have on our well. We would appreciate Grass Valley's requiring IMM to provide alternate water supplies to our home if and when our well is affected by the dewatering of the mine. Please note that NID may be running its new pipeline down county property, which is adjacent to our home. We live near Loma Rica Reservoir.

We would appreciate your response and your adding our name to the list of those who are concerned about their wells.

Sincerely,


Kevin J. Baker


Beth Baker

cc: Idaho-Maryland Mining Corporation/Emgold
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November 17, 2008

Tom Last
Planning Director
City of Grass Valley
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Subject: Idaho-Maryland Mine Project Public Comment Period

Dear Mr. Last:

I am pleased that the Idaho-Maryland Project Draft Environmental Impact Report has finally been completed by the City of Grass Valley. I am also pleased to see that the report is so positive and every aspect of the project, except air quality, has been successfully mitigated to have no significant impacts. I was also excited to review the economic analysis and see the positive impacts it will bring to the City of Grass Valley to support our local government and essential services. For a project of this size and scope, that is a major accomplishment. Now we must move on with the process in an expeditious manner.

As you are aware, the economic situation in the U.S., California, Nevada County, and Grass Valley continues to worsen. In Grass Valley, a number of stores have closed recently and the economic damage is worsening. Weaver Auto recently closed and there has been talk about another auto dealership leaving the community. The City is going to a four-day work week as its finances worsen. Property values are decreasing. Sales tax and property tax revenue is decreasing. While it is important that the public has the right to comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Report, a 45-day time span is more than adequate to allow this. The City Council and Planning Commission need to work to expedite the review process, ensure the public is involved and has input, but ultimately they have a responsibility to the citizens of Grass Valley to make a decision on this project in a timely fashion. If the project is approved, the economic and environmental benefits it may bring the community are substantial, especially as we are entering into a recession (and hopefully not a depression).

Sincerely,

John Spencer
Supervisor, District 3

GRASS VALLEY

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Community Dev. Dept.

November 14, 2008

Dear Mr. Last,

Very pleased and relieved the EIR has finally made its way to the public for review. The 45 day public comment time frame is adequate, although it's a mass to comprehend, but please do not extend the comment time beyond 60 days.

Nevada County needs this mine to re-open ASAP, especially now in this economic downturn.

You, along with the Grass Valley City Council and Planning Commission have this very special opportunity to allow the Idaho-Maryland Mine to re-open, use the natural resource of gold we are blessed to have, and save this county from a recession or worse.

The city of Grass Valley is being watched not only by those of us who live and are trying to work here, but across the nation as well.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carol Marshall", with a long, sweeping flourish extending to the right.

Carol Marshall / Director and Secretary
Sierra Nevada Mining & Industry Council

NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE COMMISSION

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CITY OF GRASS VALLEY
PLANNING DIVISION



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November 4, 2008

Thomas Last
City of Grass Valley
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RE: SCH#2007092017 Idaho-Maryland Mine Project: Nevada County.

Dear Mr. Last:

The Native American Heritage Commission (NAHC) has reviewed the Notice of Completion (NOC) referenced above. The California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) states that any project that causes a substantial adverse change in the significance of an historical resource, which includes archeological resources, is a significant effect requiring the preparation of an EIR (CEQA Guidelines 15064(b)). To comply with this provision the lead agency is required to assess whether the project will have an adverse impact on historical resources within the area of project effect (APE), and if so to mitigate that effect. To adequately assess and mitigate project-related impacts to archaeological resources, the NAHC recommends the following actions:

- ✓ Contact the appropriate regional archaeological Information Center for a record search. The record search will determine:
 - If a part or all of the area of project effect (APE) has been previously surveyed for cultural resources.
 - If any known cultural resources have already been recorded on or adjacent to the APE.
 - If the probability is low, moderate, or high that cultural resources are located in the APE.
 - If a survey is required to determine whether previously unrecorded cultural resources are present.
- ✓ If an archaeological inventory survey is required, the final stage is the preparation of a professional report detailing the findings and recommendations of the records search and field survey.
 - The final report containing site forms, site significance, and mitigation measures should be submitted immediately to the planning department. All information regarding site locations, Native American human remains, and associated funerary objects should be in a separate confidential addendum, and not be made available for public disclosure.
 - The final written report should be submitted within 3 months after work has been completed to the appropriate regional archaeological Information Center.
- ✓ Contact the Native American Heritage Commission for:
 - A Sacred Lands File Check. **USGS 7.5 minute quadrangle name, township, range and section required.**
 - A list of appropriate Native American contacts for consultation concerning the project site and to assist in the mitigation measures. **Native American Contacts List attached.**
- ✓ Lack of surface evidence of archeological resources does not preclude their subsurface existence.
 - Lead agencies should include in their mitigation plan provisions for the identification and evaluation of accidentally discovered archeological resources, per California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) §15064.5(f). In areas of identified archaeological sensitivity, a certified archaeologist and a culturally affiliated Native American, with knowledge in cultural resources, should monitor all ground-disturbing activities.
 - Lead agencies should include in their mitigation plan provisions for the disposition of recovered artifacts, in consultation with culturally affiliated Native Americans.
 - Lead agencies should include provisions for discovery of Native American human remains in their mitigation plan. Health and Safety Code §7050.5, CEQA §15064.5(e), and Public Resources Code §5097.98 mandates the process to be followed in the event of an accidental discovery of any human remains in a location other than a dedicated cemetery.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Katy Sanchez".

Katy Sanchez
Program Analyst

CC: State Clearinghouse

Native American Contact

Nevada County
November 3, 2008

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This list is current only as of the date of this document.

Distribution of this list does not relieve any person of statutory responsibility as defined in Section 7050.5 of the Health and Safety Code, Section 5097.94 of the Public Resources Code and Section 5097.98 of the Public Resources Code.

This list is only applicable for contacting local Native Americans with regard to cultural resources for the proposed SCH# 2007092017 Idaho-Maryland Mine Project; Nevada County.



BANNER MOUNTAIN

Homeowners Association
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CITY OF GRASS VALLEY
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November 7, 2008

Mr. Tom Last
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Re: Draft EIR, Idaho-Maryland Mine Project

Dear Mr. Last:

On behalf of Banner Mountain Homeowners Association (BMHA), I am writing to request an extension of the 45-day comment period allowed for the Idaho-Maryland Mine Project Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR).

BMHA is making this request due to the amount of material presented in the DEIR, and the time needed to do a thorough analysis of this complicated project. This DEIR was over a year in preparation and involves highly technical matters. We are not experts, just citizens trying to come to grips with this massive project and to understand how it will affect our community. As such, we need as much time as possible to digest the information and provide some informed feedback, which I am sure you will find valuable. In addition, the existing 45-day comment period included Election Day, transits the Thanksgiving holiday and precedes Christmas, making it very difficult for our citizens to review all this information in the allotted time frame.

Please extend the comment period by at least 30 days to Jan 15, 2009, preferably 45 days to Jan 30, 2009, so that we can get through the holiday season and still provide reasonable comments. This project is too important to rush to judgment.

Sincerely,

Robert Bogart

On behalf of BMHA

cc: Nate Beason, Hank Weston Nev Co Supervisors
Governor's Office of Planning and Research
Secretary of the Resources Agency, State of California
County of Nevada Planning Department
The Union, Yubanet.com

CITY OF GRASS VALLEY
PLANNING DIVISION

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November 3, 2008

Mr. Tom Last
The City of Grass Valley
125 East Main St.
Grass Valley, CA. 95945

Re: Draft EIR, Idaho-Maryland Mine Project

Dear Mr. Last,

On behalf of Citizens Looking At Impacts of Mining (CLAIM)-GV , I am writing to request an extension of the 45-day comment period allowed for the Idaho-Maryland Mine Project Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR).

CLAIM-GV is making this request due to the volume of material presented in the DEIR, and time needed to do a thorough analysis of this complicated project. CLAIM-GV notes that this DEIR was 17 months in preparation and involves highly technical matters not found in the usual DEIR. In addition, the existing 45-day comment period occurs over the Thanksgiving holiday and during the pre-Christmas season, making it very difficult for technical experts to commit time to giving CLAIM-GV their input on this project. The project itself is large with multiple impacts, and appears to be the largest ever put before the City Council. Finally, as you are aware, the City Council has extended the public review process for the entire mine project through November 18, 2008, and CLAIM-GV believes that an extension is therefore warranted, if not mandated, by this Council adopted procedure.

Please consider this request and extend the comment period on the DEIR.

Sincerely,



On behalf of CLAIM-GV

Cc: Governor's Office of Planning and Research
Secretary of the Resources Agency, State of California
County of Nevada Planning Department

Public Comment Card

Idaho-Maryland Mine Project
Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

SCH No. 2007092017

Comment Period: 10/30/08 to 12/15/08

Comment Card: Name: Joyce Starling (Voluntary)

Address: 14708 La Nona Ct. S.V. (Voluntary)

Organization (if any): _____

① Comment: Water: We are located at La Nona Ct. & ~~Burrhead~~ Greenhorn. A water main was installed about $\frac{1}{2}$ mi up Greenhorn. We have a great well, 40 gpm, but if we turn on the tap & nothing comes out, what happens? ~~Do we~~ Do we have to pay a lawyer to get city water to our property? If so, we are against this project!!!

② Air - my family ~~is~~ is allergic & asthmatic. Where are the boundaries for air pollution from the mine? (Sec #1)

③ Money guarantees: In this financial environment how can you "mitigation" for #1 & #2

* ③ Prop values - if we lose ^{our} well it is worthless (Sec #1)

④ I'd like specific intersections for heavy traffic

⑤ Blasting - how far (est.) will sound carry (Sec #1)

⑥ What contaminants will be released into air (Sec #1)

* ⑦ What are short/long-term effects of hazards?

Finance

Less tax revenue if prop values go down!!!

* Who will reimburse us in this case? "

8. What's in this for us, & the community on the plus side? (Not just the owners)



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Idaho-Maryland Mine Project
Draft Environmental Impact Report (DEIR)

SCH No. 2007092017

Comment Period: 10/30/08 to 12/15/08

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Comment Card: Name: ONATHAN KEVIN (Voluntary)

Address: 11741 ALTA VISTA AVE (Voluntary)

Organization (if any): _____

Comment: Please extend the public comment period -
Even city staff and the consultant, who have been living +
breathing these issues for several years, ~~are~~ seem confused
+ overwhelmed as they rush through the description (e.g. -
Tom L confused ~~of~~ gallons per minute and gallons per day,
+ consultant forgot DTSC acronym - Dept of Toxic Substance Control)
~~It~~ It is not reasonable to expect either the decision-
makers or the general public to make informed decisions
in the allotted 45 days (already down to 32 days) - 45
days is the bare minimum required by law - this project
deserves much more time.

