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March 6, 2024

To: Tracey Ferguson, County of Plumas Planning Department Director  
Jim Graham, County of Plumas Zoning Administrator

Re: Opposition to any strip mining in the area of Indian Valley, Plumas County, California

***Devastation caused by strip mining to the landscapes and habitats:***

1. Deforestation, erosion, and contamination in nearby streams, rivers, and ground water systems.
- 2, Strip mining causes erosion and sedimentation, which leads to downstream flooding concerns.
- 3, It pollutes ground water and causes air pollution. The effect of strip-mining pollution is the destruction of the land and water for all the people, birds, and animals including livestock in the nearby communities and the watershed the pollution flows into downstream.
4. Strip mining operations release toxins into the atmosphere negatively affecting the local ecosystems.
5. The health hazards affecting the neighboring communities are higher concentrations of cancer and an increased number of babies being born with birth defects.
6. Wildlife damage caused by strip mining such as destroying the natural habitat, forcing animals out of their homes or destroying them. Animals are at risk of being killed by the machinery used at and around the proposed 13-plus mile strip mining site/s.

**Please see the photos below from left to right:**

1. North Arm Road migratory bird wetland. Breathtakingly beautiful location that would be destroyed by pollution caused by strip mining. This picture is from last week.
2. Indian Creek view from our deck at sunset. Our property is located below the proposed strip-mining location on Indian Creek.
3. Our dogs playing in Lights Creek above Engel Mine prior to the Dixie Fire. One of my favorite places to hike with our dogs. Our dogs love playing in the water.

Sincerely,  
Kristine and Donald Guess  
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