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Ms. Ferguson,

In the “findings of fact”, Ms. Herrin uses several anecdotal examples, such as:
“a conversation with Norman Lamb”. (Can you provide a transcript?)
“a Norman Lamb email” (transcript or the email?)
Ms, Herrin cites several magazine articles, written a decade after the fact.

In the Board’s closing statement, she cites “unpermitted activity” as evidence, yet she is unable to provide any active permit or reclamation plan, except for Turner Excavation, which strains credulity given the facts used in permitting this activity. Furthermore, is US Copper asking for vested rights to mine aggregate? I see no evidence of, or ever being an open pit, active or otherwise, on these parcels. As a matter of fact, the claims on the these parcels are “Lode claims” and yet there is no evidence the claim holder, CEMCO, has mined one pound of any mineral, from these parcels.

Given the facts & the law, concerning vested rights, the applicant should be denied. The applicant can always seek a remedy through the usual CEQA & SMARA process, offered by the State of California. Granting vested rights would deny the citizens of Plumas county their rights & protections, under the law.

Sincerely

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