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Dear Ms. Ferguson (Tracy),

Hello!

I am personally writing to formally and generally protest development of the US Copper mine in Indian Valley's North Arm area, and specifically regarding the application for vested rights that if granted allows the company to avoid performing due diligence (EIR) for their new planned operations.

I have worked my entire life for the health of the Sierra- so many projects within the 'gold country' regions. I have been dedicated to researching and implementing recovery efforts targeting historic mining activities from (usually) foreign entities. These mining legacy effects involve watershed degradation in the form removal of topsoil that will never be replaced, soil erosion and downstream sedimentation, leaching of poisonous chemicals throughout the water conveyance system, and so much more. These completed projects never had satisfactory outcomes as they were needles in a huge haystack. Continued monitoring shows that the Sierra will always suffer from water degradation from these legacy mining activities.

There is no such thing as an enclosed system when water is involved.

Please encourage the Plumas County Planning Committee and Board of Supervisors to do the right thing and deny US Copper's application for vested rights. The new activities the company proposes are nothing like anything that property has ever seen. They must perform a careful and professional Environmental Impact Statement for the watershed that includes ALL of their proposed activities.

This toxic mine area is the top of the North Fork of the Feather River - a watershed that provides the people of California with a large percentage of drinking water throughout each season. (I can't believe the Water Board would allow this.)

Thank you,
Lynn Campbell
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