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Tracey,
Attached are my comments regarding the US Copper Corp application for vested rights at the Engels and Superior mines.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Have a good week,
Darrel Jury
Meadow Valley, CA

April 1, 2024

TO: Plumas County Planning Director, Tracey Ferguson

RE: Public Comment regarding the Request by US Copper Corp for a vested rights determination for the Engels and Superior Mines

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on US Copper Corp's application for vested rights at the Engels and Superior mines. I appreciate that the Plumas County Planning Department has allowed time for the public to get informed and weigh in on this important decision. The determination regarding vested rights for the Engels-Superior Mine will be precedent setting and affect the citizens of Plumas County and 27 million Californians dependent on State Water Project drinking water for generations to come.

I appreciate that Plumas County has revisited the October 11, 2023 Zoning Administrator Staff Report, sought guidance regarding US Copper's application for vested rights at the Engels and Superior mines, and gained support to meet Surface Mining and Reclamation Act requirements for existing mines.

I recommend that the Plumas County Zoning Administrator deny the request by US Copper for a number of reasons.

- Plumas County should comply with Surface Mining and Reclamation Act requirements on existing mines before permitting additional mines.
- As outlined in the March 20, 2024 letter by Shute, Mihaly & Weinberger LLP, US Copper Corp has not provided sufficient evidence that there was continuous mining activity at the Engels or Superior mines prior to the establishment of the 1958 ordinance requiring special use permits.
- US Copper should be required to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act and demonstrate that their proposed project will mitigate negative impacts to the environment, economy, and society - citizens of Plumas County and Californians dependent on water from the State Water Project.
- US Copper Corp should be held to the highest standard, especially as foreign investors. Documents they have prepared required by the Canadian government indicate that jobs created by the proposed mining project will be filled by Canadians only.

Again, thank you for the opportunity to share my thoughts regarding US Copper Corp's application for vested rights. As Planning Director, I hope you continue to allow opportunities for the public to weigh in on this important matter. Not providing vested rights for the Engels and Superior mines would likely require California Environmental Quality Act compliance, which would ensure continued public engagement in the process.

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