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Dear Tracey,  
Please include the following for the public record.

Thank you for hiring BBK to help with this determination. I would like to voice my support for their findings. Looking at Plumas County Code itself leads me to read in Sec. 9-5.11 that: there should have been an interim management plan for these properties, as the applicants have failed to provide evidence of active mining on July 8, 1958 (date of vesting). This would have to be the case if they were not intentionally abandoning the mine.

As per, Sec. 9-5.12 there would have been annual report requirements for this to the State Department of Conservation and to the County Planning Department.

Also, as per Sec. 9-5.13, the Planning Department would have inspected the mine within six months of receipt of annual report. In no event shall fewer than one inspection be conducted in any calendar year.

I am hopeful that Plumas County will become compliant with its own code and State requirements for mining inspections.

The initial Staff report did not go deep enough into this request for vested mining rights and the recommendation should be amended or rejected by the Zoning Administrator.

Thank you for your attention to this and for coming to work today!

Sincerely,  
Laura Kearns, Taylorsville