

From: [Alana](#)
To: [BOS Public Comment](#)
Subject: PCR test is no longer the standard, verified through the CDC website as of Dec 2020
Date: Monday, July 26, 2021 6:53:05 AM

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Has our county labs and testing facilities updated protocol? If so which ones and when?

Caitlin McFall, [writing for Fox News](#), is the only one in the corporate media I could find that even reported this, and the few reports I found in the Alternative media so far have been mostly inaccurate.

McFall [reports](#):

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) urged labs this week to stock clinics with kits that can test for both the coronavirus and the flu as the “influenza season” draws near.

The CDC said Wednesday it will withdrawal its request for the “Emergency Use Authorization” of real-time diagnostic testing kits, which were used starting in February 2020 to detect signs of the coronavirus, by the end of the year.

“CDC is providing this advance notice for clinical laboratories to have adequate time to select and implement one of the many FDA-authorized alternatives,” the agency said.

The U.S. has reported more than 34.4 million cases of the coronavirus since the pandemic began in 2020 and more than 610,000 deaths.

But while cases of COVID-19 soared nationwide, hospitalizations and deaths caused by influenza dropped.

According to data released by the CDC earlier this month, influenza mortality rates were significantly lower throughout 2020 than previous years.

There were 646 deaths relating to the flu among adults reported in 2020, whereas in 2019 the CDC estimated that between 24,000 and 62,000 people died from influenza-related illnesses.

The CDC urged laboratories to “save both time and resources” by introducing kits that can determine and distinguish a positive test for the coronavirus and flu. ([Source](#).)

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [John Fleming](#)
To: [BOS Public Comment](#)
Subject: Another Property Owner Against The Mine
Date: Sunday, July 25, 2021 2:46:36 PM

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My name is John Fleming and my wife and I own a home in District 3.

As you are aware, the corporation, Rise Gold, sponsored a questionnaire, the results of which revealed the snake-like nature of the corporation. It is my understanding that the questions on the questionnaire were extremely leading and resulted in skewed, so-called public opinion of bringing the Idaho-Maryland mine back to life. I have little trust in Rise Gold, based on their previous performance in Canada, and even less trust now that they have revealed the results of this bogus questionnaire. Similarly, my trust in environmental reports is minimal, as they do not look at the possibilities of what may happen if the corporation involved fails to live up to their agreement. The reports take into consideration what happens if all goes well and in no way can it foresee the future.

As an example, California is in a severe drought. Whether this is due to climate change, or not, remains a debated question. Regardless, if the drought continues and the water table is adversely affected by Rise pumping millions of gallons of water from the shafts, what is the back-up plan? Do we have desalinization plants to pick up the slack? Is there a water source we are not aware of that will supply local residents and farmers, once Rise has squandered all of ours? No. That fact, alone, should be enough to influence the powers that be to deny Rise Gold permission to re-open the mine. Add in the pollution from the constant stream of trucks taking the toxic wastes out of the ground to a dump site, the fumes that those trucks would produce, the wear and tear on our roads, the noise pollution and the certain drop in property values, and one wonders why in the world this prospect would even be a consideration?

Rise says it will be good for our economy. No. It won't. They promise jobs. How many? 300. Is that enough to justify ruining all that it will certainly ruin? Our

air? Our water? Our property values? And what if they live up (down) to their history? Clean-up will cost millions upon millions of dollars and there is little doubt that those dollars will come from the tax payers. Court costs, alone, will cost hundreds of thousands of dollars and corporate law has stacked the deck against the public.

The people of Nevada County can only lose if Rise Gold wins. Let's not even play the game. Why take the chance?

I would like my comments to be acknowledged by the Nevada County Supervisors.

Sincerely,

John Fleming

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From: [Colleen Conley](#)
To: [Clerk of Board](#); [jeanine wolf](#); [Jaede Miloslavich](#)
Subject: Motorized bikes
Date: Monday, July 26, 2021 4:54:17 PM

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To whom it may concern:

In the interest of ALL trail users DO NOT change the rules to allow motorized bikes on the Pioneer Trail. There are enough risks while using the trails without ensuring certain disaster by allowing motorized bikes to have access to this trail.

Colleen Conley

GCTC Member and horse back rider.



Colleen Conley, [REDACTED]



"I have not verified any of the information contained in documents prepared by others."

From: [christa.romanowski](#)
To: [Dan Miller](#); [Clerk of Board](#)
Subject: motorized bikes on non-motorized trails
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 6:07:12 AM

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Dear Mr. Miller,

I am writing to urge you and the Board of Supervisors to remove all references to allow motorized bikes on non-motorized trails as part of the Pines to Mines EA!

No motorized bikes on the Pioneer Trail!

Allowing the use of e-bikes would change the character of the hiking and riding experience on these trails. They were designated as "non-motorized" for a reason.

As anyone can see, allowing this incompatible use of these trails would also open the door for a push to allow *additional* forms of motorized travel on non-motorized trails.

There are plenty of trails open to e-bikes.

Those of us who choose to enjoy non-motorized trails for exercise, relaxation and quiet, without the noise and disturbance of motorized vehicles, should be able to do so.

We don't have an industry lobby to advocate for us. I urge you to consider residents' needs to still have a few places to enjoy nature without the sound of more motorized vehicles and the disruption they cause.

Christa Romanowski

From: [Julie Patterson-Hunter](#)
To: [All BOS Board Members](#)
Cc: [Trisha Tillotson](#)
Subject: FW: motorized bikes on non-motorized trails
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 7:46:51 AM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

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Julie Patterson Hunter, CCB
Clerk of the Board



From: christa romanowsk [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 6:07 AM
To: Dan Miller <Dan.Miller@co.nevada.ca.us>; Clerk of Board <ClerkofBoard@co.nevada.ca.us>
Subject: motorized bikes on non-motorized trails

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Christa Romanowski

From: [Jody Schnell](#)
To: [Clerk of Board](#)
Subject: Pines to Mines - keep it non-motorized
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 7:47:21 AM

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To: Chair and Members of the Nevada County Board of Supervisors
From: Jody L. Schnell, member of Gold County Trail Council (GCTC)
Date: July 26, 2021
cc: Julie Patterson Hunter, Clerk of the Board

I am writing to express my deep opposition to including any and all references for allowing motorized bikes on the Pioneer Trail and the proposed Pines to Mines trail system in the Environmental analysis funded by Nevada County.

I am one of the 400 local members of Gold Country Trail Council. I hike and ride my horse on the non-motorized Pioneer trail. I contribute financially to maintain the trail. I feel safe when I hike and ride my horse on the Pioneer trail. I'm grateful to the Nevada County Pioneers who, in 1981 had the inspiration and vision to build this trail for the recreational enjoyment of all hikers and equestrians. The Pioneer non-motorized trail is truly one of Nevada County's most treasured jewels.

When I heard the Tahoe Forest Service Supervisor intends to change this wonderful non-motorized trail to allow motorized bikes I could not believe it. The Forest Service's classifies motorized bikes as **motorized** for good reason.

The vast majority of these trails on Pines to Mines, both the current and proposed trails, are single track and all are bi-directional. Adding higher speed motorized bikes will create user conflict, not to mention serious safety and hazard concerns for the current low speed non-motorized user groups. There are already literally hundreds of miles of motorized trails in Nevada County.

Trying to insert a provision in the hefty \$100,000 County-funded Environmental assessment to suddenly allow motorized bikes on non-motorized trails for the Pines to Mines project is absolutely unacceptable and underhanded.

I'm asking the Board of Supervisors to show leadership and not succumb to this dishonest tactic. If the Forest Service wants to consider changing its non-motorized trail policy, it needs to do so independent of the Pines to Mines project and with full transparency and mandated public comment.

Please vote NO on spending tax-payer money for the Environmental assessment if it includes changing non-motorized trails to motorized trails.

I look forward to your support of the GCTC position.

Thank you,
Jody L. Schnell
Avid Equestrian

From: [Erika Hazen](#)
To: [Clerk of Board](#)
Subject: Non motorized trails
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 8:14:23 AM

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To: Nevada County Board of Supervisors
Frm: member of Gold County Trails Council (GCTC)
Date: 7/26/2021
cc: Clerk of the Board, Julie Patterson Hunter

Nevada County has a rich heritage of agriculture. We celebrate it each year at our renown County Fair, always with a large Equestrian component. Each September we celebrate our Equestrian heritage, when we show off our draft horses and their contribution to the logging and other industries. We have a strong contingent of horse enthusiasts in our community. Forty years ago a group of Nevada County families, both hikers and equestrians, conceived of a trail from above Nevada City to near the Pacific Crest Trail in the Sierra Nevada. Portions of it are along the old Emigrant trail. From that dream they built what became to be known as the Pioneer Trail, all non-motorized.

Many years ago we settled the debate between motorized trails and non-motorized trails (hikers, backpackers, horses, and mountain bikes). Today in our area there are roughly as many motorized trails as non-motorized. Trails were designed and built, with everything in harmony.

Now, the Forest Service is trying to change that harmony and the cooperation between user groups that has developed over the years in Nevada County. Motorized bikes were not the impetus when building the Pioneer trail or contemplated on the Pines to Mines trail. The Tahoe Forest Service Supervisor tried in 2019 to include motorized electric bikes on the Pioneer Trail without due process, were sued and lost. Motorized bikes are now prohibited on the Pioneer Trail.

Once again, the Forest Service supervisor is trying to use a back-door method to add motorized bikes onto non-motorized trails, using the Nevada County Board of Supervisors as his vehicle, through an environmental document. This is a damaging ruse.

The Forest Service has indicated they do not have the manpower to enforce motorized bike classes. Illegal motorized bikes have already been observed on the Pioneer Trail, often at unsafe higher speeds. Increasing motorized bike usage in the area in turn increases safety concerns and decreases the enjoyment of other users. The risk of collision and personal injury with the introduction of high-speed motorized bikes with low-speed users is extreme, resulting in negative outcomes. Improved technology over time will only increase motorized bike power, with no one to regulate it. This will only disenfranchise the original low-speed user groups, such as families with kids, strollers, and dogs. Sadly, our own Nevada county residents will be overrun by outsiders coming up using the trails. Our GCTC members see it every day, as fewer courtesies are shown on the trail and there are more uneducated users. Legalizing motorized bikes, along with social media marketing of the area, means the trails that we built will be overrun. The vast majority of the current out of area users, drive up for the day, use the trails, and go home.

Ironically, the Forest Service already recognizes combining high-speed users with low-speed hikers, kids, and equestrians is a problem. They are proposing a trail system optimized for bikes on the south side of Highway 20 using Forest Service and NID land.

Nevada County is proposing to spend \$100,000 on an environmental document that will benefit outsiders and destroy our non-motorized trails. Why not allocate those funds to benefit the residents of Nevada County and put it towards fire safety, clearly a higher priority for Nevada County.

The Pioneer Trail will be just fine and continue to be useable by Nevada County residents.

I am really afraid of equestrians being injured by electric bikes sneaking up and spooking their horses/ mules. My own mule is terrified of electric bikes. I won't be able to use the trails at all if motorized vehicles are allowed.

Sincerely, Erika Hazen

Sent from my iPad

From: [Henriette Bruun](#)
To: [Dan Miller](#); HardyBullock@co.nevada.ca.us
Cc: [Clerk of Board](#)
Subject: Opposition to motorized bikes on Pines to Mine trail project.
Date: Tuesday, July 27, 2021 8:14:39 AM

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To: Chair and Nevada County Board of Supervisors, Mr Miller and Mr Bullock
From: Henriette Bruun, Nevada County resident, member of Gold Country Trails Council (GCTC)
Date: 7/26/21
cc : Julie Patterson Hunter, Clerk of the Board

I write to oppose any reference to allowing electric motorized bikes in an upcoming environmental document for the Pines to Mines trail system, which also includes the Pioneer Trail.

I am a member of The Gold Country Trails Council and have been a long standing member and thoroughly enjoy hiking, (normal non-motorized) biking and riding horses on the non-motorized Pioneer trail above Nevada City. I feel safe on the trails as I know I won't be mowed down by motorized bikes and would like to keep it this way.

I am strongly opposed to changing the status of the Pines to Mines trail to allow motorized electric bikes.

The Pines to Mines trail system has been in the works since 2015. It was conceived and designed as a non-motorized trail and over the years presented to the community members as a non-motorized trail.

A new proposal to allow motorized bikes on the Pines to Mines trail system was instigated by the Tahoe Forest Service Supervisor this year and is totally counter to prior Forest Service representations. Pines to Mines written documentation since its inception, has stated it's a non-motorized trail. Since the Pines to Mines trail system was conceived, GCTC has committed resources, held fundraisers, and has been part of the steering committee to help ensure its success, much like we did when we developed the non-motorized Pioneer Trail some forty years ago!

I am concerned and need the Supervisors' support to stop the Forest Service's desire to impose motorized bikes on the Pines to Mines Trails, especially our Pioneer Trail.

And! as we know, if motorized bikes are allowed on these trails, the flood gates will open, and next will come higher class motorized bikes and soon motorcycles will also be on our trails!! A motor is a motor! You allow one motor on the trails, you allow all motors on the trails! Who will be out there to patrol electric versus gas motors ..?

There are already 400 miles of motorized trails available to users of this kind, there is NO need to add to their trail system and jeopardize our non-motorized users' safety on the so much fewer trails system, that we have available to us.

**The Pines to Mines trail was clearly envisioned and designed as a non-motorized trail.
Let's keep it that way.**

Supervisors, let's do right by those who came before and blazed the non-motorized Pioneer Trail that we enjoy today.

Say no to the Tahoe Forest Service Supervisor's request.

Thank you for your time and consideration on this important issue, that will set the precedence for many other counties in California.

Please vote no, and do not open the flood gate to motorized bikes on our non-motorized trails.

Sincerely,
Henriette Bruun