

**From:** [Sarah Gordon](#)  
**To:** [bdofsupervisors](#)  
**Date:** Thursday, August 5, 2021 7:53:33 AM

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To the Board of Supervisors of Nevada County:

I am a resident of Nevada County living in an area that will be directly affected by the operation of the mine. I am writing to ask you to vote NO on the Rise Gold Mine Project.

Environmentally this has the potential to wreak havoc on our water table and water quality, our air quality and creating increased noise pollution

Financially, this venture looks very risky. The CEO, Ben Mossman is about to go to trial for 18 charges of pollution, ruining tribal waters in Canada and filing bankruptcy which left Canadians with an environmental and financial mess. How can we be sure we won't be left in a similar situation. The current financial state of the company shows it does NOT have the funds necessary to cover this project.

No state oversight? Meaning that the company will self monitor? That's outrageous and definitely not best practice for a project like this, as we have seen with PGE, Enron and Wells Fargo just to name a few.

It is ludicrous to make a decision based on past history that "we have always been a mining town". We are already dealing with the aftermath of mining from over a century ago. The clean up at Empire Mine is still being dealt with. Our well water has enough metal content that we already have to treat it to make it safe for drinking.

This project cannot be allowed to move forward.

**VOTE NO ON THE MINE TO PROTECT NEVADA COUNTY!**

Sincerely,  
Sarah Gordon



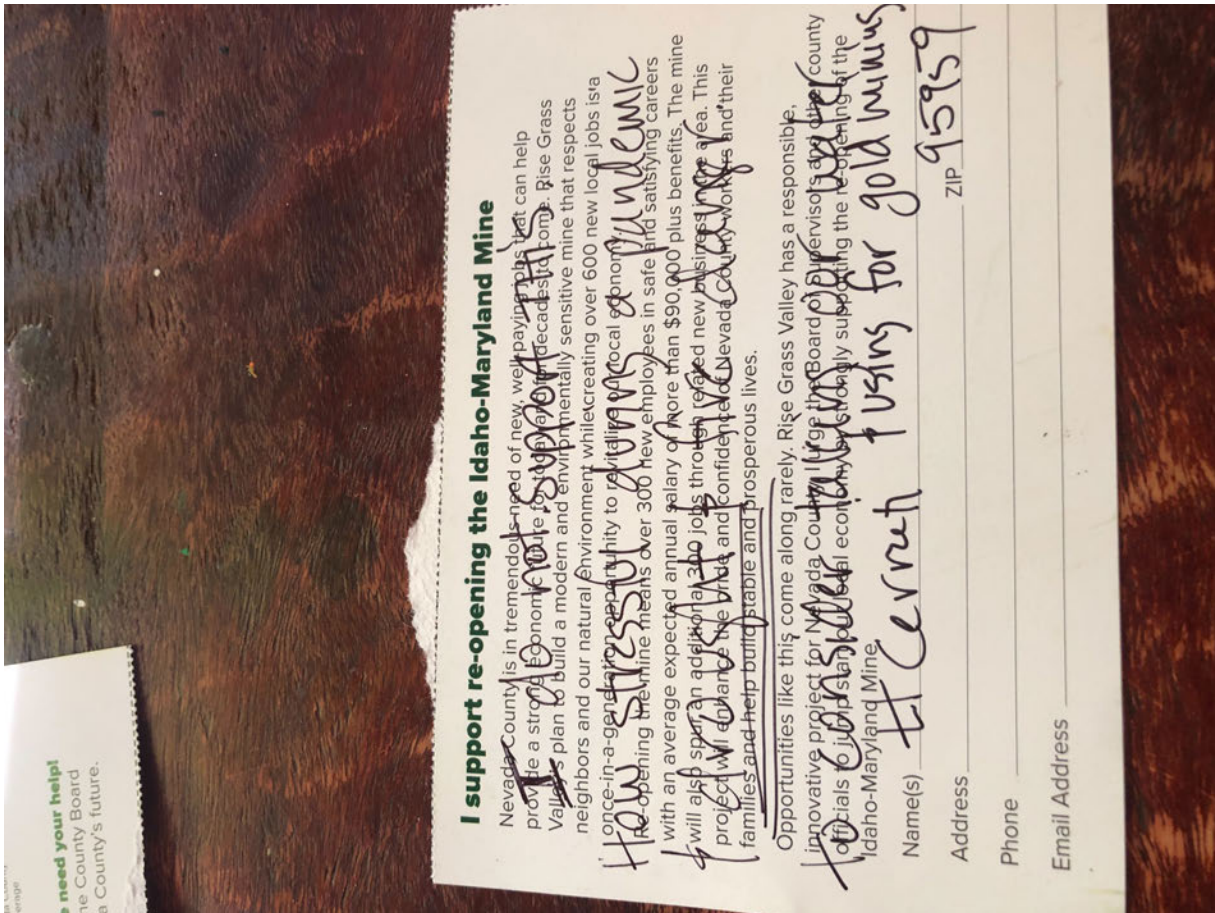
**From:** [Tom Behlmer](#)  
**To:** [bdofsupervisors](#)  
**Subject:** No mine please  
**Date:** Thursday, August 5, 2021 7:52:06 AM

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**From:** [laurie cerruti](#)  
**To:** [bdofsupervisors](#); [BOS Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** NO mine, please consider the drought  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 4, 2021 9:47:56 AM

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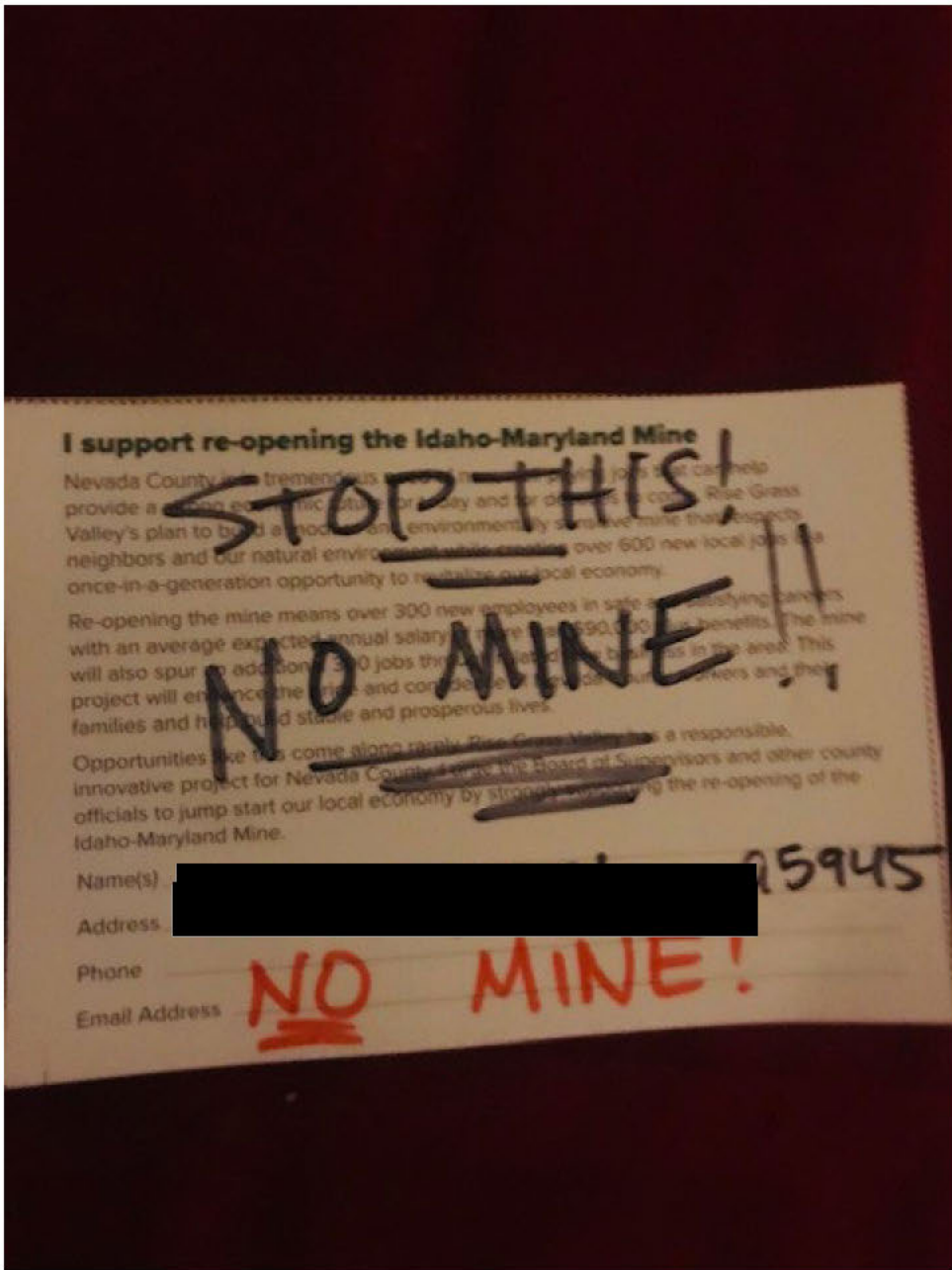


Thank you for your consideration.  
The right thing to do for your community is vote no.  
We the people are under very stressful day to day worries. Pandemic, water shortage due to a severe drought, and worrying about fire danger, everyday!!!!  
And now having to worry about whether any of you will vote for this.  
It is incredulous.  
Thank you,  
A very concerned Nevada county citizen.  
Laurie Cerruti

[Sent from Yahoo Mail for iPhone](#)

From: [heidi askew](#)  
To: [BOS Public Comment](#)  
Subject: No mine!  
Date: Monday, August 2, 2021 6:10:05 AM

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Best,  
Heidi Simmons

**From:** [Veronika Behlmer](#)  
**To:** [BOS Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Public safety matter  
**Date:** Wednesday, August 4, 2021 6:22:56 PM

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**Mine traffic.** 26,220. That is the number of one way traffic trips generated PER MONTH by mine traffic that will descend on the area if we are to believe Rise Gold stated numbers. We have curving, two lane roads with limited visibility around turns in some areas with traffic feeding in from the sides and having to cross on coming traffic. What could go wrong? The three roads feeding into the mine are Brunswick, Bennett and Hwy 174. They are not designed to be boulevards.

Here is the math on the 26,220

312 employees projected by Rise

100 ore truck trips

25 my projection or estimate of supply trucks to ferry in supplies to the mine

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=437 one way in bound

x2 to reflect out bond leg

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874 in or outbound trips

x30 days. Rise said the mine will operate seven days a week.

=26,220 per month

Not trying to be hyperbolic, but I fear for my family trying to enter Bennett from a side road and crossing on coming traffic. I have had a close call on Bennett while taking my daughter to school with a speeder who drifted into my lane around a blind turn. He could not see me and I couldn't see him until the last second. He passed me on the passenger side as he couldn't get back to his side. He was lucky it had a wide shoulder.

Tom Behlmer



**From:** [Sheldon, Kent](#)  
**To:** [bdofsupervisors](#)  
**Subject:** Stop the Idaho Maryland Mine  
**Date:** Thursday, August 5, 2021 11:50:03 AM

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I am writing to urge you to STOP the Idaho Maryland Mine reopening. I just received their flier asking me to support their plans. I find their assumptions are filled with misinformation and untruths. Opening this mine will have a devastating impact on our community and way of life. 300 jobs and incidentals will not justify the damage they will do over the 80 year permit period.

I live about 1 mile from the mine shaft. I am mostly concerned with losing my well, which happens all too frequently with these operations. I'm also concerned with the pollution, noise, traffic, and general environmental damage this will bring to the area, as well as the impact to my property value.

As far as I'm concerned this issue has the highest priority to shut down. I will be working with Mine Watch to stop Rise Gold from ruining our community.

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Kent Sheldon - VP of Project Delivery & Life Cycle Management  
Energy Storage and Optimization  
Wärtsilä Corporation  
[REDACTED]



**I support re-opening the Idaho-Maryland Mine**

Nevada County is in tremendous need of new, well-paying jobs that can help provide a strong economic future for today and for decades to come. Rise Grass Valley's plan to build a modern and environmentally sensitive mine that respects neighbors and our natural environment while creating over 600 new local jobs is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to revitalize our local economy.

Re-opening the mine means over 300 new employees in safe and satisfying careers with an average expected annual salary of more than \$90,000 plus benefits. The mine will also spur an additional 300 jobs through related new business in the area. This project will enhance the pride and confidence of Nevada County workers and their families and help build stable and prosperous lives.

Opportunities like this come along rarely. Rise Grass Valley has a responsible, innovative project for Nevada County. I urge the Board of Supervisors and other county officials to jump start our local economy by strongly supporting the re-opening of the Idaho-Maryland Mine.

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

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GLOBAL WARMING

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you destroy things and  
no water ZIP walkaway  
Liars Save the Planet