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**To:** [bdofsupervisors](#); [BOS Public Comment](#)  
**Cc:** [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** RE: This idea of reopening the Rise Gold Mine is pure Lunacy. Selfishly concerned about my Banner Mtn well going dry as they lower the water table pumping out millions of gallons of water to clear the mine shafts  
**Date:** Wednesday, September 1, 2021 11:49:00 AM

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Dearest Supervisors,

If you honestly look at all the reasons and risks financially, economically, environmentally, quality of life to our community.... This idea is a disaster.

Other than all the other reasons why this is a non-starter.... Personally, I am very concerned about my well.

I live near the top of Banner Mountain.... Water is a huge issue, we are all on wells, we do not have options to join NID without laying thousands and thousands of dollars of pipe to get us that kind of access. (Plus I like my well water). Anyways. We live in droughty times. When I bought my house about 13 years ago, testing estimated it produced about 3.2 gallons .... At the time the Technician said that if I built my house at the time, current code would require me to install a supplemental storage tank, as the well was low producing.

Anecdotally, I believe that my well is producing even less water than 13 years ago... how do I know, if I water my lil aspen trees for 40 minutes and forget to turn the water off, my well runs dry. It used to take over an hour of forgetfulness to run the well dry.

This potential bad idea project -- needs to be vigorously studied with real unbiased hydrologists to determine what is the effect to the water table.... And all of our wells on banner mtn....and surrounding areas when Rise Gold starts the process by removing what I have heard is over 12 million gallons of water from the flooded mine shafts under our mtn??? That is water table water, they are lowering the water table... and if that isn't enough to dry up our wells, what are the long term impacts of their annual use of over 1 million gallons of water for their normal operations.... We live in droughty times.... We are hosed, our water is hosed... our wells are hosed or more accurately stated "dried up hosed" if this goes thru. Please do not do this to us.

And this is just my parochial issue around the mine. I like having a functioning well on my property... as it is super hard to live without water. Yes there are dozens of other very valid reasons why this is pure folly.... But for me, having a dried up well -- Is a huge issue. And I am not the only one on well water that is going to be impacted by their draining our water table.

The other huge concern is the lack of expertise in this mine company, their lack of adequate

**From:** [Jim Haynes](#)  
**To:** [BOS Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** a public comment on the brunswick mine proposal  
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members of the board,

i write this message about the reopening of the brunswick mine to the nevada county board of supervisors on the day that grass valley burned. in particular, the bennett fire that raged along idaho-maryland road and should have given all of us quite a scare. while the catastrophic fires that we have endured this summer in california are horrendous, i do not wish to bend your ear on the matters of climate change or forest management. rather, i implore you to consider the actions of the firefighters and first responders, they act to provide triage without hesitation. there is no moral ambiguity there. yet, you are considering to re-open a scar into the earth once again in the form of the brunswick mine. for what reason? greed made worse by discreditable intentions? no, i say! you have the power to save nevada county from rise gold's indecent proposal. the world is on fire, and we're surrounded by a plague; but you can stop another travesty from happening. vote against the brunswick mine proposal. thank you for your time.

yours in magnanimity,

jim haynes



**From:** [Erin E Dunne](#)  
**To:** [bdofsupervisors](#)  
**Subject:** I support the re-opening of the Idaho-Maryland Mine  
**Date:** Friday, September 10, 2021 9:00:11 AM

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Re: I support the re-opening of the Idaho-Maryland Mine

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Sincerely,  
Erin E Dunne

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**From:** [laura Gagliasso](#)  
**To:** [bdofsupervisors](#)  
**Subject:** thank you  
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I would like to thank the Nevada County Board of Supervisors for stepping up to do their due diligence and for requesting an Economic Impact Report for the Idaho Maryland Mine proposal.

This decision cannot be taken lightly as it has the potential to impact this community for the next 3 generations and beyond. The Economic Impact of such a monumental project cannot be left out of the decision making process.

Thank you.

Laura and Donald Gagliasso



**From:** [Valerie Yaag](#)  
**To:** [bdofsupervisors](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Idaho-Maryland Mine reopening  
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I'm just writing against the Idaho Maryland gold mine reopening. There are too many problems related to the mine reopening, and not many jobs to make it worthwhile. As a lifelong resident of Nevada county, I must object.

Water is the biggest problem I see. We are in a drought, and possibly headed to many more years of drought. People may have their wells run dry from all the pumping needed to dewater the mine. Rise gold says they will cover hooking those properties up to City or NID water if their wells do go dry, but hasn't NID said they won't be adding new customers now? How is that going to work?

Water is also an issue since they are being given the go ahead to self monitor for pollution.. When has that ever worked? And if they do end up polluting, what assurances do we have that they will be forced to clean up the mess? Will we have another superfund site on our hands? How many abandoned and polluting mines does the county have already?

Gold may be precious, but water is much more precious in these times. Don't let them pollute our lovely county.

A Very Concerned Resident,  
Valerie Yaag

Nevada County Board of Supervisors  
950 Maidu Avenue  
Nevada City, CA 95959

September 3, 2021

Heidi Hall, Ed Scofield, Dan Miller, Susan Hoek, Hardy Bullock

Dear Supervisors,

Along with this letter, you'll find three enclosures:

- 1) A copy of an anti-mine column I wrote for the Union entitled: The Depths of Irresponsibility
- 2) A second column, entitled: Rise Gold: Show Me the Money, written by US bankruptcy judge Randall Newsome
- 3) A return card clipped from Rise Gold's outlandish promotional flyer

I say outlandish because the flyer comes across to me as a Saturday Night Live skit put to glossy print ... so farcical in its presentation it defies any rational response. While it's beautifully designed, its pie-in-the-sky claims cannot be validated.

"Protecting our natural environment" Oh really? No problem with air pollution, noise and vibrations, traffic on narrow roads, toxic waste and lowering the water table?

"Adding \$50 million annually to the local economy" How exactly will this be done?

Creating jobs paying \$94,000? How is this possible? Where is the money coming from?

From what I've read, and from what Randall Newsome has well-documented in his column, Rise Gold is standing on shaky financial ground, yet still determined to cause lasting harm to our community ... which in no way is acceptable.

I was pleased to learn yesterday (9/2/21) that the Board was going to commission an economic impact report prior to making a decision on the proposed re-opening of the mine ... definitely a wise move. Before issuing a contract, I heartily recommend that the consultant be someone who is a neutral party to this whole proposal.

Thank you for your service to the community.



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# Randall J. Newsome: Rise Gold, show me the money

June 29, 2021

*Randall J. Newsome | Other Voices*

A lot of print has been devoted to the pros and cons of Rise Gold Corp.'s reopening of the Idaho-Maryland Mine. The opponents have focused on various environmental impacts of the mine. Proponents point to the potential for as many as 300 new jobs, and urge that the company and its CEO, Benjamin Mossman, be given a chance to prove themselves.

Putting aside whether reopening the mine is a good or bad idea, there has been little discussion of whether Rise Gold has, or ever will have, the financial wherewithal to carry out its business plan. My experience as a U.S. bankruptcy judge for 28 years leads me to believe that this company is destined for financial failure.

Unfortunately, Rise Gold's financial structure looks a lot like that of Bank Island Gold, Ltd. ("BIG"), Mr. Mossman's last failed business venture. That company began commercial production of gold at the Yellow Giant mine in Banks Island, British Columbia, in January 2015. Only six months later, its operations were forced to shut down after an extensive pollution abatement order was issued by the British Columbia Ministry of Environment.

On Jan. 15, 2016, Banks Island Gold was put into a receivership. According to FTI Consulting, the Canadian receiver, the company's books showed assets in Canadian dollars of just under \$12 million and liabilities of about \$16 million. The creditors list includes 158 unsecured creditors holding over \$6 million in claims. Significantly, about 50 of those creditors were former employees of BIG. They held claims for vacation and severance pay amounting to over \$107,000. Most of the other creditors were small trade or equipment vendors.

Despite extensive efforts to market the mine, the receiver was unable to sell it. Ultimately, BIG's principal lender, who had a security interest (lien) covering all of the company's assets, took over the mine. Its stated value of \$2.7 million did not begin to cover the full amount of the lender's loan, which was nearly \$8.9 million. Thus, the unsecured creditors probably recovered virtually none of the money they were owed.

Rise Gold's financial situation is nearly as dire. By its own reckoning, it needs upward of \$100 million for construction of a wastewater treatment facility, a second mine shaft, a ventilation system, and other improvements before the mine can commence operations.

According to its June 14, 2021, 10Q report (a quarterly form public companies must file under SEC rules), the company only had about \$1.5 million in cash as of April 30, 2021, down from nearly \$3.4 million at the end of the previous quarter.

Apparently, it's been unable to secure conventional financing with a commercial lender and has been forced to resort to a hard-money lender to raise funds.

In late 2019, it borrowed \$1 million and gave the lender a lien on all of its assets. The loan comes due in 2023. The interest rate is 10% for the first two years, 20% for the third year, and a staggering 25% for the fourth year.

Nearly two years later, due to fees and charges on top of exorbitant interest rates, it still owes some \$916,000 on this loan. This is the commercial version of what a consumer could expect when borrowing money from a payday lender.

Perhaps the most telling and chilling excerpt from the June 14, 2021, 10Q report is the following:

"The Company expects to operate at a loss for at least the next 12 months. It has no agreements for additional financing and cannot provide any assurance that additional funding will be available to finance its operations on acceptable terms in order to enable it to carry out its business plan."

Where is the money going to come from to build a wastewater treatment plant that can handle 3 million gallons of water a day? Where is the money going to come from for an environmental bond? Where is the money going to come from to pay NID to extend piped water to homeowners whose wells fail?

In other words, who is going to pay for all the promises Rise Gold has made, and who is going to finance its other basic capital needs? Some four and a half years after buying the mine, Rise Gold still doesn't have a clue.

If the Board of Supervisors doesn't receive answers to these questions in the immediate future, it should put an end to this ill-conceived and futile venture.

Randall J. Newsome



September 6, 2021

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Board of Supervisors  
Eric Rood Administrative Center  
Board of Supervisors Chambers  
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Nevada City CA 95959

RE: Reopening of Idaho Maryland Mine

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NEVADA COUNTY  
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Dear Board of Supervisors:

I am a fourth generation Nevada County resident with many family members and friends who, like me, call this county home.

You have done an amazing job growing Nevada County in a sustainable manner. I truly believe, your decision to allow or not allow the reopening of the Idaho Maryland Mine will be your legacy for the next 100 years.

In reviewing history of mines here in Nevada County and other states across America, there has always been a mess left behind, including contamination of beautiful land, precious water, and damage to the whole ecosystem. As with past mines here in Nevada County, the mismanagement leaves very visible scars upon the land. The mine project has major environmental impacts, including habitat destruction, air pollution, increased truck traffic, noise, greenhouse gas emissions, private wells and ground water contamination, aesthetics, and tourism that serves our local economy.

Rise Gold Corp. plans to dump a huge mountain of rock and debris in Grass Valley for us to eventually clean up. To accommodate the 1,000 tons of mine waste per day being dumped locally, 75 acres of woodlands and chaparral will be completely removed, including all the surface soil down to rock-solid base, and then built up with mine waste rock and tailings up to 90 feet high using dump trucks, compactors, and graders. The damage and necessary repair for roads would be a continuous expense to taxpayers.

Nevada County citizens have been put on water restrictions. Mining requires a lot of water usage to succeed. I have grave concerns the amount of water required by the mine with the very real possibility of wells running dry, along with contamination of rivers, creeks, and ground water. Hydrologic studies show predicted lowering of ground water levels of 1-10 feet on 152 wells. This reduction of ground water levels at private wells is clearly an "impact to wells."

If Rise Gold Corp. is allowed to reopen this mine, the concern is not IF there will be a spill of contamination into local waters, but WHEN.

**Page 2 of 2 Linda Evangeline Roberts letter dated 9/6/21 to Board of Supervisors**

Rise Gold Corp wants you to agree to an 80 year contract. It will be too late to stop the long-term damage that will occur for generations to come. They claim they will be creating 600+ jobs. Many others have said the same. But are they permanent, well paying, and long term career jobs? If history is any indication, the answer is no. What happened to the jobs created by the following gold mines: San Juan Ridge Mine, Sutter Gold Mine, the Zortman-Landusky Mine, Buckhorn Mountain Mine, Mineral Ridge Mine, and the Pimenton Mine? Poof!

As a publically-traded company, Rise Gold Corp's loyalties lie with their stockholders, not with any community or its residents. We have experienced that "loyalty" with PG&E with all their mismanagement and resulting fire damage incurred in Nevada County. Corporate greed has now left the local residents with the unearned difficulty of obtaining property insurance at obscene/unaffordable rates if at all.

In their digital newspaper The Sarnia Observer, based in Ontario Canada, Rise Gold Corp published a glowing article stating, "A majority (59%) of respondents supporting the re-opening of the Idaho-Maryland Mine with only 34% of respondents opposed."

Do you notice that they don't identify those respondents? Do they include business leaders or local business owners? They certainly are not the individual residents of Nevada County who have protested loudly against this project.

Our local Union newspaper has reported serious concerns. I have grave concerns about Rise Gold Corp's dishonesty and lack of transparency in business. And this website further documents their misleading statements:

<https://www.minewatchnc.org/post/spinning-gold-the-rise-of-misinformation>

The decision of the mine's reopening should be vested by every voter in Nevada County, rather than only the five supervisors. If that is not possible, I know you feel very responsible and accountable to the citizens and Nevada County. This is a pivotal decision. Please vote **NO**.

Sincerely,



Linda Evangeline Roberts, [REDACTED]

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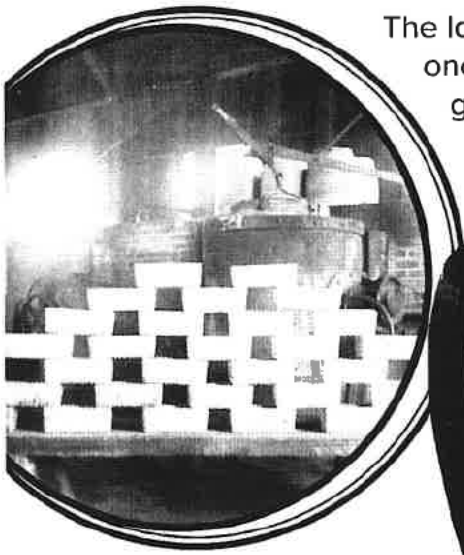
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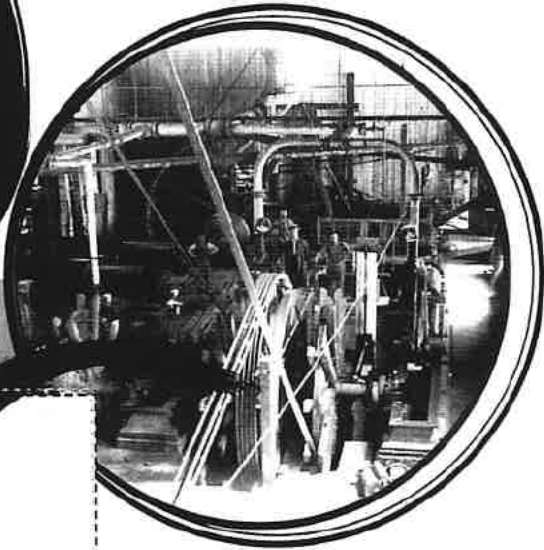


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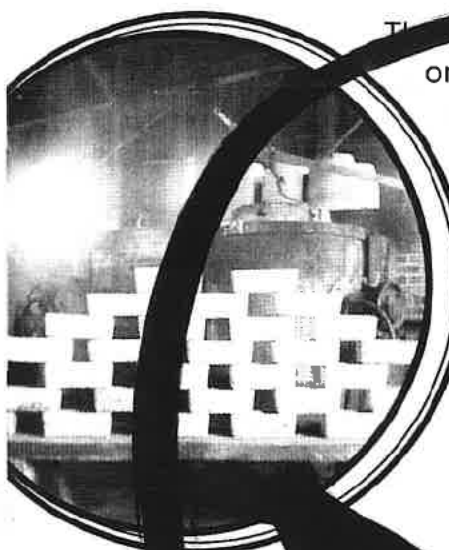
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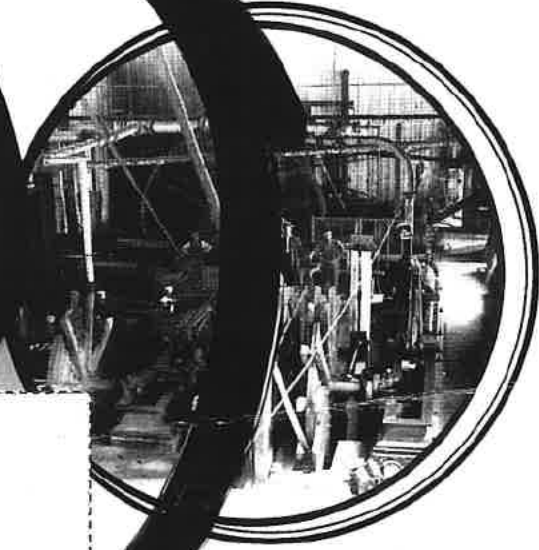


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**From:** [Xylem Larla Dev](#)  
**To:** [BOS Public Comment](#)  
**Subject:** Against the Mine  
**Date:** Tuesday, August 24, 2021 3:37:20 PM

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Hello Board of Supervisors,  
This is a letter against the mine, to please be read for public comment.

I am frankly appalled that reopening this Rise Gold mine is even on the table for consideration. My body shows high levels of toxic chemicals from drinking water from wells in this area for almost 20 years, elements that are still making the water toxic from mining operations after over 100 years.

The company talks about bringing jobs to the area, however the jobs that they are listing are highly specialized with skills that are not in this area anymore, and I am the admin for a local housing board for the past five years I can testify that we are in an extreme housing disaster which only intensifies as residents in our county and neighboring communities lose their homes to fire. We cannot sustain another large company moving here and importing workers from their home country in Canada.

I also believe that this proposal should be shut down due to the intensity of it water needs alone. Hey extrapolated the numbers from the Sierra fund study about the use of water in the mine and based on their published rates per minute The rose gold mine would use something like 3,000,000 gallons of water per day for the first six months and over 1,000,000 gallons of water per day for the next 80 years. I'm not sure where they're planning on getting that water from, but we simply don't have it available. Have you looked at the Reservoir's? Have you talked to people whose wells are running dry? Why has NID not spoken against this when they're asking us to ration our water use in our personal homes?

This proposal does not make sense for our community on a number of social and environmental levels, these are just my top few.

Please kindly shut these swindlers down.

Thank you,

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**From:** [Deva Hauber](#)  
**To:** [BOS Public Comment](#)  
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Hello,

I live in Nevada City and am opposed to the reopening of the mine. Of course the review done by the mine itself says that there will not be negative effects for the community but that is just them wanting to push forward their own agenda. If we look at the effect that mining has environmentally we can see that there will always be a negative impact. Especially in a time when water is becoming a more and more precious resource I see no reason to allow them access to our natural resources. As a community we will thrive by investing in sustainable businesses and caring for our natural resources rather than investing in a company that is going to deplete resources and leave eventually. Please vote no on allowing the mine to reopen. Our natural resources are finite and can be put to much better use.

Thank you,  
Deva Hauber