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Dear Mr. Kelley:

The Friends of Banner Mountain (FBM) appreciates this opportunity to comment on the proposed combined application for a Conditional Use Permit and Reclamation Plan to reinstate underground mining and gold mineralization processing of the Idaho-Maryland Mine. FBM is a 501(c)(3) organization whose mission is to protect Banner Mountain and its natural and cultural resources for the benefit of residents, visitors, and future generations.

Based on our review of the technical reports posted on Nevada County's website for this project, areas of interest to FBM include, but are not necessarily limited to, potential impacts of the project on:

- Water quality in Wolf Creek
- Riparian habitat and wetlands
- Special-status plants
- Wildlife
- Traffic
- Noise
- Air quality
- Residential wells
- Empire Mine State Park

Please continue to keep us fully informed of the process for environmental review and public input on this project. We also request ample time and thorough outreach efforts to make sure the public has adequate time to review environmental documents and fully engage in the review process.

Thank you again for this opportunity to learn more about this project. We look forward to providing additional input to Nevada County as the project progresses.

Sincerely,

Chuck Staetz, President  
Friends of Banner Mountain