

Objection Reviewing Officer

July 18, 2022

Jenny Gulch Gold Exploration Drilling Project Objection:

Mankind is greedy for gold and always has been. If gold is found in sufficient quantities and mining commences, I fear our water supply for thousands of people will be severely threatened.

Pactola Reservoir and its drainage system is our major drinking water supply. History has shown that no matter how hard we try, contamination of the streams, lakes, and ground water eventually occurs, even long after mining has ceased, and the mines have been abandoned. To try to purify this water and do all the cleanup is very expensive, not to mention the threat to our wildlife and our environment. I do not think mining in this area is worth the risk.

Sincerely,

Lawrence Lehr

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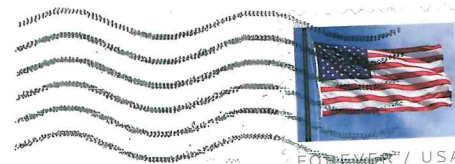
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