

To whom it may concern,

I am writing today to voice my opinion on the planned drilling that is scheduled in May of 2023 on the west side of town near Big Pine Campground. In my opinion, like many others, agree that the drilling should not take place. For simplicity of my reasonings, they will be bulleted.

- Drilling is too close in proximity to businesses and residential dwellings.
- Possible pollution of nearby wells, contaminating drinking water.
- Constant noise pollution 24/7 for a year.
- Business revenue loss to Big Pine Campground because of the constant drilling where guests are not going to want to stay.
- Possible loss of property values if gold is discovered in that area, creating a mining query and or pit that will be an eye sore with continued noise pollution of 24/7 mining operations.

It is in the best interest of the Custer community that this exploration of gold in this area be prohibited and moved to another possible location away from the general population to a more remote distance location where the least amount of damage to our infrastructure can occur.

Respectfully,

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Custer Resident & Business Owner