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Organization:

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Comments: To whom it may concern,

My wife and I hold claim to Galena1 Township 11S Range 4E Section 33 on Galena Creek Oregon 40 acres. This claim area falls within the marked boundaries of concern on the map that has been posted.

We too are very concerned about the garbage/human refuse disposal and over-trampling of area vegetation unnecessarily. We are curious about the photo displayed (of all the garbage) and what area that came from.

We are extremely responsible with our claim and value its unique beauty. We know that the gold this claim may be able to offer is minute and we will not be finding monetary riches on it. However, it is certainly fun and fascinating to pan a few flecks of gold. The greatest richness of the claim is its God-given beauty and peacefulness. My wife and I are committed to preserve and maintain such. We consider ourselves privileged to be "stewards" of this parcel.

Though we have seen no evidence of any "offenders" on our claim, we do not want such callous violations taking place on our claim. Our claim is not the easiest or most favorable to access.

All this being said, we are concerned that decisions being made which fall in line with our heart of preservation and stewardship may become unbalanced and overreaching. We do not want to be blocked from using this area and having the privilege of working the claim for an extended time that would necessitate camping for several nights.

According to BLM to maintain the claim, we must do a certain amount of work on said claim to continue holding it, as well as paying an annual fee to the BLM.

We are not the abusers, please do not take our right of enjoying this claim away from us because others on other claims have abused those sites.

Instead of doing a blanket blocking on all areas marked, how about this when applicable...if we are to demonstrate we are using our claim responsibly, according to Oregon BLM guidelines, and with respect to the

area Ranger Station expectations and can produce our proof of claim of ownership when asked by qualified officer, we as a claim holder would be able to continue use of said claim in full accordance to Oregon BLM guidelines.

I am an Oregon State employee as an enforcement officer. We must strive to maintain and preserve but with reasonable and responsible balance, not overreach.

If this area is shut down, then the public is going to move to another area and make the same mess. How about we become more proactive with holding the offenders accountable such as giving out warnings, fines and specific restrictions to the individual offenders, whether public or claim owner.

Please work with a specific claim owner about concerns, don't just blanket all claim holders with reactive restrictions. You know who holds each claim, it's on county record at the Court House in Albany, Oregon. Contact them and talk about it, don't just post notice. Some claim holders, as us, live quite some distance away and may not have seen or paid attention to such postings, especially when it's not on their specific claim.

These decisions need to be more than just a meeting of the "heads that be" and us only being able to make written comment as input to a URL link that does not work. I'm attempting to not be reactive, but rather proactive especially being that the final date for receiving comment is on June 4th, 2021.

Respectfully,

James R. Colvin and Katherine M. Colvin

Claim holders Galena1

PS..we thank you for your time, attention and consideration in reading our input, as well as your dedication to resolving a difficult issue of irresponsible use and overuse of an irreplaceable historical corridor.