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Comments: 1. Utilizing the Good Neighbor Agreement (GNA)

*Please respect the Legally Binding Oversight Good Neighbor Agreement (GNA) which has governed the mine since 2000. We all want a clean environment.

*Please respect Independent Experts: Under the GNA, the company must fund independent technical and water experts chosen by the conservation groups. My understanding is these experts are currently evaluating the proposed relocation of a portion of Nye Creek into an engineered channel to ensure it won't permanently alter the local hydrology.

2. Scrutinizing the Joint Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)

*The 30-Day Scoping Window: Please respect and support conservationists who are gathering technical feedback to submit "substantive comments" regarding the 145 acres of newly disturbed ground, including 30 acres of national forest land.

*Evaluating Long-Term Waste Stability: Please respect and support local groups who are reviewing the structural risks of the massive Hertzler Stage 4 and 5 tailings expansions. My understanding is they want to guarantee that 42 additional years of stored slurry will not suffer from liners leaking into the area's groundwater or nearby aquifers.

3. Leveraging Heightened Caution Over Nitrogen Shifts

*Demanding Stricter Controls: Narrative standards AND numerical data analysis are MUCH more informative to decision makers. Please bake stringent, project-specific water filtration protections directly into Amendment 014's final approval, preventing the mine from taking advantage of loosened state narrative standards over its next four decades of operation.

Thank you.