

March 13, 2015
Mining Accountability and Oversight Commission
Carson City, NV

Dear Commissioners,

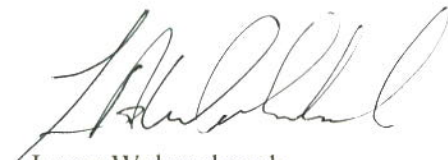
I request that this letter be entered into the minutes and become part of the official record of these proceedings.

How is it that a private company can use a closed public highway for its exclusive economic gain? How is it that the NDOT can not repair a damaged road for 3 months while previously they could do it in a matter of days? Why should the citizens of Nevada pay for the incompetence of a private company? Why should the goals of a mining company that has not been profitable for over 5 years trump the public's right to use a State highway?

There is what is known as the "reasonable man" test. Despite what is said by CMI or NDOT, I believe that any reasonable man would conclude that the actions of CMI did, in I request that this letter be entered into the minutes and be made part of the official record of these proceedings.

fact, substantially contribute to the subsidence and instability of Hwy342 in Gold Canyon. Take a good look at the photo. The blasting and removal of massive quantities of earth immediately adjacent to Hwy 342 for a distance of more than a mile would naturally, and obviously, weaken an already substandard roadway. The deliberate intersection of historic mine workings known to be unstable only emphasizes the misguided decision by CMI to conduct their pit mining in such a fashion.

Hwy 342 is the primary means of ingress and egress through the heart of the Comstock Historic District. The road will be closed for 90 days until a temporary fix can be made, and then an additional 6 months until the permanent repairs are completed. As a result, some businesses will experience a loss of revenue, while others will be forced to close their doors. All the while, CMI is allowed to use 342 for their own purposes and continue their misguided and incompetent mining activities. Why should CMI be allowed to use the road while all others are not? Why should residents and businesses suffer economic loss while CMI is allowed to continue as usual while residents are not allowed the same? I suggest that the road be fixed first, then let CMI continue mining and losing money.



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