



FRIENDS OF THE INYO

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Caring for the Eastern Sierra

Dear Bureau of Land Management,

I'm writing to voice my support for protecting Conglomerate Mesa from industrial-scale gold mining exploration, which in turn will safeguard Inyo County's outdoor recreation economy. An open pit cyanide heap leach gold mine will hurt our jobs, bottom line, county tax revenue, and the quality of outdoor experience our residents and visitors have come to love.

Outdoor recreation is the economic engine of the Eastern Sierra, where local businesses like mine are highly dependent on tourism-based revenue. Residents and visitors of our county who enjoy recreating on our public lands will experience negative impacts from an open pit cyanide gold mine. Backpackers, hikers, solitude-seekers, hunters, mountain bikers, climbers and viewers of the desert night sky will suffer the ill-effects of this 24/7 mining and exploratory drilling operation.

I own/run _____ which _____.

An open-pit gold mine will decrease recreation tourism, which will decrease visits to my business, which will decrease my profits. Overall, our region can't afford to lose out on the millions of people who visit Death Valley National Park and other surrounding public lands every year.

Tourism and outdoor recreation are Inyo County's most powerful economic drivers. Mining operations will provide only short-term local revenue and employment — the environmental damage, which will scar the land and degrade Inyo County's reputation as a scenic, outdoor recreation destination, will be permanent.

As an integral member of the Inyo County economy, I ask that plans to mine and drill Conglomerate Mesa be ceased immediately. This is essential for protecting our public lands, outdoor recreation, the Inyo County economy, and my business and bottom line. I sincerely thank you for reviewing this letter of support for Conglomerate Mesa and welcome further outreach on this matter.

Please contact Friends of the Inyo with any questions you may have. We look forward to seeing Conglomerate Mesa and our outdoor recreation economy protected for generations to come.

Sincerely,

Name

Business

Business Address

Signature