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My name is Taurin Wilson, I was born in Quincy and have lived in Plumas County for the entirety of my life(45 years). I encourage the Plumas County Planning Department to deny vested mining rights to US Copper for the proposed pit mine at the historic Engels mine.

The mine has effectively been abandoned my whole life, there have been samples taken over the years to determine the potential for profit if the mine were to be reopened, but the mine has not been in operation for 80 years. My parents and I grew up exploring, woodcutting, and bottle hunting on the site. My parents used to drive around on the tailings piles(probably not a good idea) for fun. My point is that there were never mine workers, land owners, or mining being conducted on the site that would constitute the continuation of mining operations necessary to determine vested rights. There weren't even fences or no trespassing signs on the site until recently, people could come and go as they pleased because no mining operations were being conducted.

In addition, the scale and methodology of the proposed mining operations represent a substantial change in operations on the site from those of the historic Engles mine and therefore do not qualify for vested rights to be granted.