

Iron County Planning Commission  
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I am writing this letter to express my concerns and opinion on the proposed mining project in the Modena Canyon. I have three concerns that I would like to address.

1. I am a property owner, hunter, and ATV outdoor enthusiast. I have a cabin in Hamlin Valley that I frequent. The volume of projected truck traffic is expected to increase substantially and I view that as an obstacle to access and a threat to the safety of all those who travel the Modena Canyon road. I have experienced near misses many times with big loaded trucks barreling down the narrow winding road.

2. I am gravely concerned about the toxic nature and carcinogen properties of the mineral to be mined. I have two water wells downstream at the mouth of the Modena Canyon. I seriously question whether anyone has considered the possibility or likelihood of the tailings from that mineral seeping into the underground water aquifer and contaminating the water supply. Until that is scientifically proven with conclusive facts, the risk is too great and the liability would be significant.

3. The volume of truck traffic hauling both water in and mined product out is projected to be staggering. The safety of the ranchers, property owners, and ATV enthusiasts going to and from Hamlin Valley will be in peril to safely travel the canyon without a widening of that roadway. The road easement is a standard 33' (2 rod) prescriptive easement. It is severely inadequate to handle the proposed traffic and would necessarily need to be expanded. I am one of 7 property owners with private property along that roadway. In one of my parcels, the road is along the west side of my property for more than a mile. In one of my other parcels the road goes through my private property and I own on either side of the road. That is the case with several other private property owners. I have no interest in or willingness to sell or deed any property for the purpose of expanding the roadway and will vigorously oppose any efforts to do so. Every one of the other property owners has expressed that same sentiment. Additionally, BLM cannot grant an easement expansion without a substantial NEPA study.

Respectfully