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RE: Comments on US Dept of Energy Supplemental Yucca Mountain Rail Corridor Rail Alignment EIS

Dear Mr. Bishop;

My comments are in regard to the proposed Mina Corridors in Esmeralda County, Nevada.

I am concerned how the corridors would affect existing county roads and trails historically used to access public lands for recreation, mining, grazing permittees, etc. Currently I can hop on my horse, or my neighbors can fire up their ORV and head off across these routes without restriction from our homes in Silver Peak. I would like the types, and locations of grade crossings identified and whether or not fencing of the rail line ROW is anticipated. Defining the exact width of the ending ROW and it's relation to private land where the alignment passes through the town of Silver Peak would also be highly appreciated.

I would also like the impact to road maintenance costs to be addressed for the construction period and for additional costs due to the rail crossings.

Cultural resources exist near Goldfield, Millers, and Silver Peak.

Effects on development of mining, geo-thermal resources, alternative energy projects and community expansion, identified in Community plans and studies should be addressed.

Environmental and economic impacts on community quality of life such as noise, dust, visual, and water should be evaluated. Peace and quiet along with a healthy environment are features that lead many residents to buy land and continue to attract new residents. Any effect on freedom or environment could make communities less attractive and reduce resale values or cause current owners not to be able to sell at all should they not wish to live near the rail..

The Dept of Energy should state whether or not shared use will be allowed...

Associated facilities should also be addressed along with their impacts.

The time-frame for the ultimate decision should be stated and the social and economic impact of the decision on delays in sales of public lands, land planning, economic planning, passage of a comprehensive lands bill for Esmeralda County and community expansion.

Yours truly,



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