

The California State Gem Mine
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
HOLLISTER, CA 95023

Re: CCMA RMP/EIS Comments

Dear Sirs,

After attending the Socioeconomic Discussion Workshop in Hollister on Feb. 22, we are admending our CCMA RMP/EIS comment submitted 2/19/10. Here we have provide a more detailed response to the social and economic questionnaire.

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1. Have businesses have seen a drop in activity/revenue since the CCMA closure?

Answer: Yes, we have due to the closure, our gem material purchasing customers have not been allowed to drive to the gem mine. To accommodate our customers, we have had to reinvent our operation at great expense. Not only the cost of new equipment and facilities, we've lost many sales over the past two years.

2. Have any businesses closed since the closure of the CCMA?

Answer: No, but we have accumulated extensive damages.

3. Has there been a rebound in economic activity since the initial closure?

Answer: No, there has been no rebound. We are still operating at a fraction of expected sales.

4. How would the CCMA Draft RMP alternatives affect you economically?

Answer: At the present, any alternative which restricts access for customers of the Gem Mine, has an economic impact. In the future, any alternative that prevents our mining operation from having access could cause extreme financial damages from the loss of all revenue invested to date, plus the loss of all value in future gemstones mined, to the loss of the future sale of the mine, all of which are great financial assets in the millions of dollars.

5. How would CCMA Draft RMP alternatives affect your lifestyle?

Answer: As an operating business, any alternative that results in a change of our mining operation has the potential for financial damages. This would adversely affect our families lifestyle as the Gem Mine is meant to be a wealth building tool for generations to come.

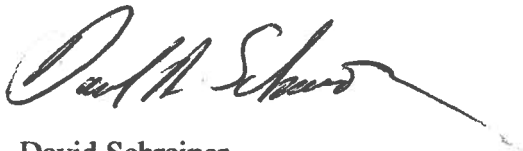
6. Does the information in the CCMA Draft RMP/EIS reflect current social and economic conditions and the potential impacts associated with the range of alternatives?

Answer: In the CCMA Draft RMP/EIS, there is a statement referencing that the gem mine is depleted of resources and this is completely inaccurate. There has been, over the past forty years, hundreds of pounds of gemstones extracted from the mine, valuing many millions of dollars. Without making public, proprietary information about the quantity of gemstones at the mine, we are stating there are still rich concentrations of gemstones at the mine. After all, we have harvested the third largest Benitoite gemstone in the world.

In regards to the social impact of Benitoite in the CCMA, Benitoite has social ramifications the world over, being the rarest gem in the world. From having specimens in many major museums, to being the California State Gemstone, to being one of the crown jewels of the United Kingdom, professionals and amateurs young and old in all demographics have appreciation of this blue stone.

Benitoite is a true *National Treasure*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David A. Schreiner", with a long, sweeping underline that extends to the right.

David Schreiner
Owner of The California State Gem Mine (Gem Mine)