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July 26, 2017

Shelby Cave  
BLM Hassayampa Field Office  
21605 N. 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Phoenix, AZ 85027

Dear Ms. Cave:

On behalf of the City of Prescott, I am contacting you to voice the City's concerns regarding the Kirkland Mine Project; as such, the City's primary concerns are as follows:

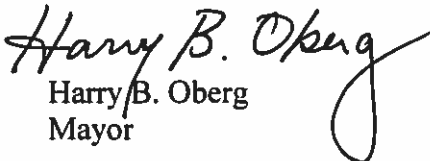
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- 1) The heavy truck traffic associated with this project will exacerbate existing traffic and public safety issues at/around Abia Judd Elementary School and Granite Mountain School (at/around the intersection of Iron Springs and Williamson Valley Roads).
- 2) The influx of heavy truck traffic will place an additional enforcement burden on Prescott Police Department's already spread thin Traffic Division; and beyond the obvious speeding and congestions concerns, there is also the potential for dust issues with improperly covered loads.
- 3) The public health issues related to dust from both hauling and product production.
- 4) The number of trucks and their heavy loads will take their toll on the City's aged road system.

In sum, we (at the City) certainly understand and support regional commerce but the negative externalities associated with this prospective project are too numerous and impactful to garner our support. Furthermore, if this project does come to fruition, we respectfully request that at the very least the interested parties pursue rail as an alternative hauling methodology.

Thank you for your time and consideration

Sincerely,

  
Harry B. Oberg  
Mayor