
PUBLIC COMMENTS RECEIVED FOR THE WOLFDEN ZONING PETITION

ZP 779, Pickett Mountain Mine, T6 R6 WELS

09/16/2020 through 10/06/2020

**Maine Land Use Planning Commission
Maine Department of Agriculture, Conservation and Forestry**

The Maine Land Use Planning Commission is accepting public comment on the zoning petition filed by Wolfden Mt. Chase, LLC. to allow for development of the Pickett Mountain Mine in T6 R6 WELS. Public comments will be accepted until 10 days following the close of the public hearing for the petition. The public hearing has not yet been scheduled. A public notice for the hearing will be issued later this year in accordance with the Commission's Rules of Practice, 01-672 CMR 4.

Written comments received on the Wolfden Zoning Petition for the Pickett Mountain Mine will be posted periodically on the LUPC webpage. Information on changes to the webpage and other notifications to interested persons will be distributed through the Maine GovDelivery system.

For more information on the review process, filing public comments, and signing-up for notifications, visit the LUPC webpage at: https://www.maine.gov/dacf/lupc/projects/wolfden/wolfden_rezoning.html.

From: [Patty Blackstone](#)
To: [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)
Subject: Rezoning for metal mine
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 4:29:44 AM

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To Chairman Worcester and members of the Commission:

My name is Patty Blackstone, I live work and play in this great State. I particularly enjoy one of Maine's greatest asset, Baxter State Park and beautiful surrounding area. I am writing to voice my concern over the Wolfden metal mine project at Pickett Mountain. The gaps in Wolfden's rezoning petition, as well as their reticence to share information with the Commission, give me significant grounds for concern.

Metal mining is risky and costly. Wolfden does not appear to have the financial or technical resources to mitigate these risks. They cannot demonstrate their ability to treat wastewater to the necessary levels, their plan for tailings storage disregards Maine's mineral law, and they do not have the financial capacity to deal with a potential disaster. This is a lengthy list of uncertainties for a mine located in an area that is so crucial for the region's welfare. I believe it is the job of the LUPC to assess these uncertainties, and that a detailed review is necessary to do so.

I encourage the Commissioners to support their staff in conducting a thorough review so that LUPC can help safeguard these valued lands. And, given the worrying gaps in Wolfden's petition, I urge LUPC to oppose the rezoning petition. To permit this egregious mining operation is a mistake that will negatively impact Maine's environment in perpetuity.

Sincerely,

Patty Blackstone

From: [Alice Bolstridge](#)
To: [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)
Subject: Correspondence for Wolfden Rezoning Petition
Date: Wednesday, September 16, 2020 11:30:34 AM

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Dear Chairman Wooster and Members of the Land Use Planning Commission:

For nearly 5 years, I was involved as a volunteer foot soldier in the struggle to save Bald Mountain in my home-town area from water pollution and other environmental, health, social, and economic damages of metallic mining. Now Wolfden Mining Company poses a similar threat to Pickett Mountain alarmingly close to my home area, and is petitioning the LUPC to rezone the area to allow metallic mining. I write to urge you to deny WMC their requests to “exclude from its evaluation of ZP 779 considerations that the MDEP Chapter 200 rules address, including noise, financial practicability, waste disposal at the mine, surface water quality, groundwater quality, and avoidance or mitigation of impacts on natural resources.”

I know workers in the original exploration of Bald Mountain in the 1970s who were sickened just from the drilling. From extensive research during the Bald Mountain threat, I know that mining massive sulfide deposits anywhere in the world pollutes surrounding waters to such a degree that they destroy an economy such as ours dependent on clean water for sustainable outdoor sports of fishing and hunting. The highest paid miners are migrant, brought in from outside and leaving when the mine closes. Any possible economic boom from metallic mining is always temporary, leaving the area as soon as the metals are depleted or the company goes bankrupt and leaving behind a legacy of social disruption and pollution that extends into perpetuity.

I urge you to deny the WMC petition to rezone this area so close to Katahdin Woods and Waters National Monument.

Sincerely,
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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Nadianichols](#)
To: [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)
Subject: Wolfden/Mt Chase
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To whom it may concern,

I'm writing to urge you to deny permits for this mining venture on Pickett Mountain. Please honor the wishes of the Maine people who live in and love this iconic state. I drive through Mt Chase regularly and am always struck by its wild beauty. Our land and waters are precious. Don't let this Canadian mining company destroy what we hold so dear.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

Penny Gray
Fort Kent, Maine

From: [Lindsay Newland Bowker](mailto:Lindsay.Newland.Bowker@mdag.com)
To: MDAG
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Date: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 10:37:19 AM
Attachments: [imgaug001.png](#)
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Thank you for this which speaks not only to the risks and conditions at North Mara not being appropriately measured by anyone at any point but to the general problem of the quality and caliber of technical work that is brought to bear on failure analysis (and before that design and planning of TSF's).

May I add this to my notes cited to you?

The International Cyanide standard , one of my central concerns, was authoritatively and critically rejected by the late great Robert Moran as inadequate . The original very good work the Mining Division of UNEP did (which was not reflected fully in the adopted standard also resulted in UNEP's wings being clipped. UNEP actually did a good job on the research and at the time had a qualified competent mining division. Now they keep UNEP under sharp and tight reins through very limited budget and no real competent mining expertise. That is my main reason for resisting any and all suggestions that UNEP should have anything at all to do with any part of the tailings fix so desperately needed. The present standard, as Dr. Moran so clearly demonstrated with real science is false . Cyanide persists.

I have cc'd and Bcc'd your analysis to a select group of experts, major NGI's and policy makers/leaders with the understanding that what you have written may not be used or cited without your express written permission which I now also seek. What I write is always open access and may be used without of those are in the TSS and not dissolved.

Someone needs to set up a qualified experts process. I see such a mix on work by Golder. Their early work, eg for IFC at the Gold Ridge in the Solomon Island was so good but now they seem spread thin and doing too much work in too many countries perhaps without the qualified staff and competent supervision needed. They are very frequently associated with work ,as you describe here, that would not pass muster in peer review. And they are not alone, of course!!!

I will leave the cite in with a cross reference to your comments. Faulty bibliographies are another plague of much work in the Field of TSF failures and their cure. Rather than just omitting work that is not to a correct standard I think that it is important to comment on it. I am trying to drive the Azam Li work out of every responsible bibliography going forward.

Many thanks. You have been and are a saving grace that keeps me hanging on!!!

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From: MDAG <contact@mdag.com>
Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 10:23 AM
To: Lindsay Newland Bowker <compiler@worldminetailingsfailures.org>
Subject: RE: North Mara in Tanzania

Hi Lindsay,

AQUEOUS METALS AT NORTH MARA

I see the major concern about water contamination near North Mara was presented in Table 12, "The table shows the total concentrations of trace elements in selected rivers and ponds in areas surrounding North Mara Gold Mine (NMGGM) project in Tarime district. The WHO guidelines are given for comparison with the analytical results."

Based on these results, some water is considered highly contaminated with toxic metals.

The problem is, especially in drier areas like North Mara, that flowing water can carry a lot of mud and silt. Typically for water analyses, some water is filtered through 0.45 um filters to get "dissolved" concentrations and some water is not filtered to get "total" concentrations. The difference is the amount mostly "locked inside" the Total Suspended Solids (TSS) of mud and silt.

That paper talks about on-site filtering of water from syringes, which is a good technique. However, this was apparently not done for Table 12 and for North Mara water. Therefore, the more mud in the water, the higher the total levels in the water. I can tell by numbers like 22,566 ug/L nickel and 94,608 ug/L zinc that almost all of those are in the TSS and not dissolved.

Biologists talk about "bioavailable" metals, which are usually the dissolved concentrations plus sometimes part of the TSS. That was not done for North Mara.

Moreover, even simple pH was not measured in the waters.

Thus, Table 14 takes assumed pH and uses the total concentrations to calculate "percent free ion" which can only be calculated from dissolved concentrations!

Put simply, this study of water contamination "is a mess". It is unreliable at best, and likely wrong in many ways. It is not sufficient to demonstrate whether the "spill" from the tailings was toxic or created toxic conditions. Maybe it was, maybe it was not; there is no reliable information to say.

AQUEOUS CYANIDE AT NORTH MARA

Cyanide behaves differently from metals in water. For example, it does not require filtration to get a "bioavailable" estimate.

In your Word file, you have memos from Alister Calder (?) at Golder Associates. One sentence reads, "There are no areas in North Mara where WAD cyanide concentrations in open water [in the tailings discharge] exceed 50 mg/L."

That is not comforting and is, in fact, alarming because water quality criteria for WAD cyanide are around 0.2 mg/L for human drinking water and around 0.005 mg/L for freshwater aquatic life (e.g., fish and the little "bugs" fish feed on)! There are no surface waters with cyanide 10,000 times above criteria for aquatic life and 250 times above criteria for drinking water! How is that good?

Apparently North Mara at some point took some kind of measure to lower WAD cyanide in the tailings pond to an average of 0.12 mg/L and maximum of 0.46 mg/L. The details are not clear, but it seemed to involve discharge into another pond with 40 mg/L (!) WAD cyanide so that the tailings pond would be lower. Thus, the tailings-pond water marginally meets WAD cyanide criteria for drinking water, but remains toxic to aquatic life. The second pond (if I understand correctly) remains highly toxic by WAD cyanide.

Another memo by Golder Associates says TSF seepage (subsurface groundwater which likely flows into the North Mara River) had an average of 0.14 mg/L with a maximum of 0.29 mg/L. While one can argue that dilution in the river lowers this concentration by a lot, fish near the bottom and benthic aquatic life are exposed to the full groundwater concentrations where it enters the bottom of the river. Therefore, the documented seepage would be toxic to benthic life in the river.

I hope this stuff helps you in some way.

Kevin

From: Lindsay Newland Bowker [<mailto:compiler@worldminetailingsfailures.org>]
Sent: September 21, 2020 10:32 AM
To: MDAG
Subject: Re: North Mara in Tanzania

sorry kevin...too much going on on all fronts this end...most nothing to do with mining. Managing two cottages which are my only income other than social security and all my incoming and outgoing guests all alone is a bit of a trail especially with surprises like new roofs, new front porches, failed jet tub motors and managing a host of lumberjacks, electricians, carpenters, landscaping folk as well as transition season gardening and garden clean up a bit much for me.

I am struggling to keep WMTF in the fore and shaping the conversation.

Here it is.

Lindsay

From: MDAG <contact@mdag.com>
Sent: Sunday, September 20, 2020 12:06 PM
To: Lindsay Newland Bowker <compiler@worldminetailingsfailures.org>
Subject: RE: North Mara in Tanzania

Hi Lindsay,

Were you going to attach your notes, or include them in the email?

Kevin

From: Lindsay Newland Bowker [<mailto:compiler@worldminetailingsfailures.org>]
Sent: September 20, 2020 4:06 PM
To: MDAG
Subject: Re: North Mara in Tanzania

Thanks Kevin, here are my notes on North Mara. Welcome your comments and any additions, additional bibliography

Most of my notes about the same with additional info picked up via google alerts. They are not quite ready for public presentation...need editing and each needs a narrative. The quality of information available varies tremendously from failure to failure. Hard to get even uniform data on design height, life, assumptions etc. or details on production history.

It is clear to me now that they need to be organized and presented as is...that the uniformity I had hoped for is not achievable.

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From: MDAG <contact@mdag.com>
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To: Lindsay Newland Bowker <compiler@worldminetailingsfailures.org>
Subject: RE: North Mara in Tanzania

Hi Lindsay,

Yes, I would be happy to take a look at your notes on North Mara. It is just north of the Serengeti Park in Tanzania, so it is in a beautiful location.

Kevin

From: Lindsay Newland Bowker [mailto:compiler@worldminetailingsfailures.org]
Sent: September 20, 2020 1:26 PM
To: MDAG; gavin.muird@rmit.edu.au; Elaine Baker; Ligia Noronha
Subject: Re: North Mara in Tanzania

May I send you my notes on North Mara? Perhaps you have some things to add.

Bulletin 121, as a complete or even diligent compilation of TSF failures and their causes (or consequences for that matter), is a joke... even the "data points" developed to inventory TSF failures is a joke. ICOLD had their opinions. They used the opportunity to express their position with the further umph of a "long list" of "contributors"... ala Safety First and the prestige, banner of the UNEP..

Can hardly blame or chastise NGO's for following this same model or using every opportunity to cherry pick info to support already formed positions.

I know that you believe in the importance of an "all contributing facets" review of tailings and other leakage/drainage failures. Hopefully our respective work and actions arising from this belief, expressing it, still sheds some faint light n some very dark corners.

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Subject: North Mara in Tanzania

Hi Lindsay,

Thanks for the additional case study on Barahaona. I did not know about this one either.

I see your folder list includes North Mara in Tanzania. I visited that site many years ago. I did not know there was a dam failure there, but I have heard about the toxic seepage leaking out of the tailings dam.

Kevin

From: Lindsay Newland Bowker [mailto:compiler@worldminetailingsfailures.org]
Sent: September 19, 2020 5:43 AM
To: Lindsay Newland Bowker
Cc: dh@slacon.net; gavin.muird@rmit.edu.au; Brynlie Goodwill; John Steed; Ligia Noronha; Antonia Mhaylova; Adam Matthews; John Howchin; Elaine Baker
Subject: Re: Long Term Study of Barahona Tailings Failure December 1, 1928

Here is the Bulletin 121 summary which did not include this work in the cited bibliography

Incident No.: 9
Dam/Mine Name: Barahona
Mine Location: Chile
On Tailings Type: copper
Dam Height (m): 61
Dam Type: US Dam Fill Material: CST
Impoundment Volume (cu. m): 20,000,000
Incident Information:
Date: 1941-1928
Incident Type: IA Cause: EQ
Quantity of Tailings Released (cu. m): 2,800,000
Tailings Travel Distance (m):
Incident Description:
The dam was constructed by cycloning sand tailings to form the outer shell. Embankment slopes were as steep as 1:1, and at the time of failure the last perimeter dike on the embankment crest had been constructed to a height of 55 feet. The dam failed by liquefaction during the MR3 Taka earthquake of October 1, 1928. A tailings flowslide developed through a breach section approximately 1500 feet wide and flowed down a valley, killing 54 people.
Source: Doby and Alvarez, 1967; Brawner, 1979; Igms, 1957

<https://scholar.mst.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=3533&context=icibgh&context=SYNDPIS920The%20seismic%20failure%20of%20Barahona%20Tailings%20Dam%20has%20been%20analyzed.&text=Barahona%20tailings%20dam%20C%20located%20about%20downstream%20and%20killed%2054%20people>

This study, 6 decades after the fact examines the causes of the Barahaona 1928 failure and the efficacy of the repair viz long-term stability. It offers interesting insights and facts I have never seen in the standards spin of Bulletin 121 associated/influenced work. For example, it credits the original design with excellent well-informed geotechnical principles that may well have withstood the earthquake. However, as at MT Polley, the design was modified after the fact to an upstream format that did not have the strength needed to withstand a liquefaction triggered by that earthquake. It lists Barahona as the first documented liquefaction event.

It also gives a good evaluation on the post failure repairs made to the dam.

Glad of your comments/critique of this work and your contributions of bibliographies/papares which you consider of high quality and relevance to failure study on Barahona or any other major failure in history.

When I initially compiled what is now the WMTF database in 2015 it was with a view to determining whether the losses were insurable or could be risk pooled and how big the pool would have to be and how much capital it would need to meet expected payout demands. At the time, te focus was no on cause of failure or even documentation of consequence beyond the three ICOLD/UNEP data points established in Bulletin 221: Release, Runout, Deaths.

It is only since I founded WMTF that the work has attempted to include a compilation of all valid technical reports describing each major failure history and organize it for use by the global community of researchers, investors, regulators, and NGO's. Indeed, that was, and is, the main mission of WMTF and a hoped for source of better risk-based data points for the failures database. Most of the data elements established by Bulletin 121 have no meaningful correlation with risk. It is in the cause of failure work and post failure work of people like Karen Hudson-Edwards and these authors that we can vet new and better risk based data points for the failure data base.

Works like this also supplement the very sketchy and superficial summaries of Bulletin 121.

We have compiled unpublished bibliographies, notes and analysis on 32 significant failures.

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| Andina April 2016 | North Mara January 2019 |
| Andina January 2019 | OKTedi 1984 |
| Arcelor Mittal Minnesota 2013-2014 | PINTO VALLEY 1997 |
| Aznacollar | Rapu Rapu 2005 |
| Barahona, Chile 12128 | Rosario Mine 2015 |
| Buffalo Creek 1972 | Roseberry TSF Failure Tasmania 2018 |
| Cadia March 2018 | Sasa Mine TSF#3 91520 |
| Cerro Corona 2018 | silvercorp metals 2018 |
| Church Rock 1979 | Vale Jan252019 |
| Cobritza July 2019 | Vefisc Keveji CU |
| Duke Energy 2018 | Yichun Luming 3 28 20 |
| Fundao 11 2015 | |
| Governance | |
| HECTOR IRON MINNE 2018 | |
| Krasnoyok Siberia 101919 | |
| Lixi | |
| marinduque marcopper 3 2496 | |
| Merriespruit 1994 | |
| Mir Mine Segurigad | |
| Moa Nickel 1985 | |
| MT Polley (2) | |
| North Mara | |

We were sidelined from our mission of presenting this work by Brumadinho but that work models the full beyond Proximate Cause approach to Failure analysis we had hoped and are still trying to do for all other failures.

The failure profiles up at Grid Arendal are appalling shallow and incorrect and largely superficially descriptive. The failure stats appalling and irresponsible.

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Subject: Re: Vale's mining dams are still a risk, company must do more, Brazil prosecutor says - MINING.COM
Date: Wednesday, September 23, 2020 9:22:34 AM

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Bill,

Thanks..and thanks for your persistence as well. You have been the only faithful helper mapping the economics of risk in poorly designed and poorly managed tailings facilities.

Our message is well understood and not refuted throughout the industry. It is just NGO's, investors, and permit issuing governments who avoid it and don't understand it. Vale illustrates the problems:even very large companies have more at risk TSF's in their portfolios than they can afford to de risk or close out of cash flow.and worse too many of these are being relied on for production.

Bulletin 121 completely missed this critical truth that too many mines with no economic viability are licensed..not one permit issuing regulatory body I know of actually has a system for vetting fundamental viability of a deposit or adequate standards on proof of that. It is routine now to issue permits and approve expansions without ever having established a proven resource. The entire investment sector goes along with that.

Those facts we have mapped about the world portfolio of mines are the main source of community of origin risk and the biggest obstacle to reducing that risk yet not one major NGO ever speaks to that.

You are right, it is just four sets of rhetoric (governments, ngo's, investors, miners) all just blabbering and endlessly repeating their fixed positions..a skyful of arrows all aimed at different targets none of which is the actual heart of why we don't have ,and aren't moving towards, a sustainable, attainable, "no local sacrifice zone" world mineral supply.

I have always known that inconvenient truths don't bring instant change only resistance and avoidance. I have worked on public policy issues of this nature all my professional life, 50 years. I have never expected to "win" every battle just with truth and proof. That takes decades when what is wrong is so deeply institutionalized . I have been lucky enough to see some of what I pioneered validated and some become a norm of understanding. The more confused and cofounded and misdirected the public policy space, the more clarity and precision that must be aimed at it. But we can't stop just because of resistance and avoidance.

The value of what you have contributed to the failures data base I developed and have continued to hone since 2015 is the most useful risk assessment information we have in the data base. Dark Shadows proved that.

Your fidelity to the charter for World Mine Tailings Failures matters whether we ever get to see it integrated into world mineral policy.

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Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 10:03 AM

To: Lindsay Newland Bowker <compiler@worldminetailingsfailures.org>

Subject: RE: Vale's mining dams are still a risk, company must do more, Brazil prosecutor says - MINING.COM

Lindsay,

Your persistence is admirable! The only way you'll get our point across is to wear everybody down! People have very short memories, especially when it concerns an unfamiliar concept, and an inculcation program, i.e., reiterative repetitions again and again (is that redundant?).

I read this article and I am overwhelmed with their hubris – talking about increasing production while many of their TSFs are “unstable”. And their stock price holds ground.....

Bill Williams

From: Lindsay Newland Bowker <compiler@worldminetailingsfailures.org>

Sent: Tuesday, September 22, 2020 10:05 AM

To: Bill Williams <billwms17@gmail.com>

Subject: Re: Vale's mining dams are still a risk, company must do more, Brazil prosecutor says - MINING.COM

Yes saw that. I am still trying to get my point accross to all that what we need is a plan with financing to identify and repair at risk TSF's. I said at the beginning Vale can't survive the total cost of the repairs and TSF stability issues it is faced with. Also over and over I have tried to explain to COE and NGO's and everyone else that the majority of at risk dams are not with majors like Vale but were dumped by majrs ost supercycle (eg Pinto Valley, or just passed

around via World Bank & IFC like the at risk Solomon Islands Gold Ridge now hovering on the brink of collapse (again).

Just about to issue an update on Sasa making the point that GTR has not calmed investor jitters and Safty First's manifesto does nothing to identify and remove actual risk to actually at risk communities. As a result, although Seeking Alpha sticking by them, Centra Asia Metals seems to have rushed back into operations even though it hasn't reported any analysis or solution to what caused the leak. That's where the Fundao failure actually began..that's what gave rise to that unstable set back they created when it failed on first fill.

Lindsay

From: Bill Williams <billwms17@gmail.com>

Sent: Monday, September 21, 2020 10:23 AM

To: Lindsay Newland Bowker <compiler@worldminetailingsfailures.org>

Subject: Vale's mining dams are still a risk, company must do more, Brazil prosecutor says - MINING.COM

<https://www.mining.com/web/vales-mining-dams-are-still-a-risk-company-must-do-more-brazil-prosecutor-says/>

Bill Williams
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Sent from my iPhone

From: [Lisa Melone](#)
To: [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)
Subject: NO!
Date: Thursday, September 24, 2020 11:35:39 AM

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We cannot let a company come in and risk the possibility of destroying Maine's landmark mountain and region. Katahdin, Mt. Chase, and its environs are a magnet for tourism with the opportunity to bring in money, year after year. Mining is a one-shot deal--they come in, extract the material, and leave. Temporary jobs, ruined landscape. It's not worth the risk. Please, do your job for the people of Maine, and say NO to rezoning the proposed Pickett Mine region.
With hope,
Lisa Melone

From: [Ignacio Pessoa](#)
To: [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)
Subject: Wolfden Rezoning
Date: Thursday, September 24, 2020 12:09:10 PM

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I oppose any abbreviated zoning review of this application. It must receive a plenary review with full opportunity for public review and comment.

On the merits, I oppose this application because the company has no prospects of being able to operate its proposed mine without seriously damaging Maine's environment.

Ignacio Pessoa
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Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [Peter Simmons](#)
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Subject: No on the Pickett Mountain mine!
Date: Thursday, September 24, 2020 12:27:14 PM

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To the PUC,

I oppose the application by Wolfden Resources to place a metal mine in the Pickett Mountain area.

Wolfden's proposal is to build a full-scale mill and ore processing facility on site. Due to Maine's strict mining laws, Wolfden would need to treat its mining waste so as to make it as pure as the water it is drawing from the ground. No mining company has ever done this, and it has not proven it has the ability to do it, or even legitimately answered the question. Their only option is to then discharge the 'treated' mining waste back into the groundwater, which will flow on into lakes, streams, and rivers.

In addition, the company cannot meet Maine's financial requirements for metal mining.

The permit to proceed should be denied.

Peter Simmons
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From: [Gail Boukary](#)
To: [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)
Subject: Mine in Patton area
Date: Thursday, September 24, 2020 1:03:22 PM

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Please do not allow rezoning of this area to permit a poorly regulated mining operation to continue to request permits. Mining is notorious for its effects on groundwater. Long after the mines are deserted, ground water problems persist and become a financial burden for those living near it.

Thank you for considering this request.

GAil Boukary, gboukary@rsu13.org

Sent from my iPhone

From: [James Melloh](#)
To: [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)
Subject: Wolfden Mining proposal
Date: Thursday, September 24, 2020 1:34:34 PM

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To the Land Use Planning Commission,

Please reject Wolfden's application for a mine, The company has no prospects of being able to operate its proposed mine without seriously damaging Maine's environment. Their attempt to bypass zoning rules is a clear indication they have no intention of respecting Maine law, its people or our environment.

Thank you,

James Melloh MD MS

South Portland

From: [Linda](#)
To: [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)
Subject: No mining
Date: Thursday, September 24, 2020 8:34:26 PM

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If anyone on the board recalls the operation to dig for copper at Cape Rosier, you will be adamantly opposed to any mining in the hills, woods or near waterways. It is risky enough to mine for gravel.

Mining companies simply are incapable of digging into the earth without disturbing vast areas of the environment—noise, dirt, toxins, cuts through forest lands to establish distribution networks.

Do not even think this is good for Maine or its citizens. Nix the Wolfenden efforts. No rezoning. There are other ways, safer ways to make money.

Thank you for considering these concerns.

Linda Stearns

From: [Cindy Wright](#)
To: [LUPC, Wolfden Rezoning](#)
Subject: please don't let the mine ruin Maine
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Please, I realize there is strong temptation to allow corporations to sweet talk (and worse) but PLEASE, don't let them wreck Maine. Baxter and Pamola and Traveller and Kahtahdin and the rivers and the lakes are so much more important - don't squander them!

Please, don't be Alaska.

Cindy Wright