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**repeated unsafe sheer walls on Gloria Z/Sanborn mine**

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As shown in these photos a pit dug at the Gloria Z / Sanborn mine has unsupported sheer walls that are many feet tall.

This mine located just north of Fairplay is owned by Mike Pfeister, Permit # M-1984-094. The height of the sheer walls of this pit seems to present a real safety concern for mine workers. I understand this is not the first time the mine has dug a pit with unsupported sides and was cited for the safety infraction. While I have no objection to mining, I am concerned when I see something that could be dangerous and cast a bad light on Park County miners (especially when it is likely to be shown on a major TV show across the country).

Also, I understand that the same operators are interested in mining on Pennsylvania Mountain, a location well known for rare and endangered plants, important wildlife habitat, and conservation research. I have concerns about possible lack of proper stewardship of these resources if the operator is allowed to mine in this area.

Thank you for looking into this matter..

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**2 attachments**

**Gloria Sanborn mine Fairplay April 2017.jpg**  
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**Sanborn mine north of Fairplay April 2017.jpg**  
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