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To: Bergman, Tom
Subject: FW: Senate Bill 08-228-Hall

From: Maureen and Bob Hall
Sent: Tuesday, February 23, 2010 11:58 AM
To: Stanton, Irene
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Dear Members of the Mined Land Reclamation Board:

As you probably know, the Town of Crested Butte, Colorado, and our surrounding area are threatened by a proposed molybdenum mine extremely close to our resort community. It is very unfortunate that a town like ours is not notified of prospecting activities and have no right to submit comments on permits.

Please support the protection of our water and land from the impacts of mining and to ensure that the public is heard on issues of mine prospecting.

The final rules for Senate Bill 08-228 should adhere to the following principles:

- The public, local governments, and other stakeholders must be notified about mine prospecting activities and have the right to submit comments on proposed prospecting permits.
- The public and other stakeholders should have the ability to appeal mine prospecting permit decisions to ensure that the environment and public health are protected in those decisions.

Please ensure that the public's right to know about mine proposals, to comment on their potential impacts and to appeal mine decisions is clarified in the Hardrock Mining rules.

Very sincerely,

Maureen E. Hall