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Dear Michael Cunningham,

We would like to register our opposition to mining in Jamestown by Gold Hill minerals LLC. We live above Jamestown, but only 2.5 miles away as the bird flies.

While Jamestown was once a mining area, its character has changed substantially. Many of us work on the cutting edge of technology and came here for the peace and quiet required to think. As we live near Jamestown we can hear the Jamestown fire sirens when they are tested. The mining representatives mentioned sound levels of 95dB. That level of sound pollution is unacceptable and would force many of us to move.

Many in the town have volunteered to help reclaim old mining areas and improve the water quality of the Jamestown watershed. The government has helped restore many of the old mines, including the Wano mine. Any new mining activity risks polluting the area again, polluting the creek which not only provides drinking water for 19000 people, but also a lot of the local wildlife, such as mountain lions.

Finally Jamestown has suffered more than its fair share of fires. The proposed mining location is on the side of Jamestown that has not yet burnt. Hard rock mining involves substantial fire risk (sparks from drilling, handling of explosives, hot machinery). Although the Forest Service has performed fire mitigation work above the Bar-K, I believe there is still substantial risk from fires started below us.

We have many other concerns (increased traffic on a small mountain road, fewer customers from Boulder for the local Mercantile, air pollution, water usage by the proposed mine, ground water pollution, increased levels of dust, increased erosion, wildlife disturbance, and so on).

We believe that allowing this mining activity will irrevocably damage our community. Please help prevent this.

Yours sincerely,

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