

New Business Agenda Item No. 2 Timberhitch Quarry (SP-22-01) and UP 79-31

Property Owners:		Jack L & Glenda F Williamson 18801 Leavers Lane Macdoel, CA 96058-9781
		Faye J Williamson 2836 Superior Drive Livermore, CA 94550
		James A & Tamra L Williamson 33 Fairview Avenue Bay Point, CA 94565
Mine Operator:		Butte Creek Minerals Ltd.
Project Summary		Use Permit 79-31 revocation.
Location:		The surface mine is located within Butte Valley, ¼ mile east of State Highway 97, and 1 mile south of East Ball Mountain Little Shasta Road; APNs: 011-250-170 and 011-280-290; Township 45N, Range 2W, Sections 11, 12 and 14, MDB&M Latitude 41.594°, Longitude -122.407°.
Zoning:		Prime Agricultural (AG-1) and Non-Prime Agricultural, 40-acre minimum parcel size (AG-2-B-40)
Exhibits:	A. B. C. D.	Draft Resolution PC-2022-028 Use Permit 79-31 Reclamation Plan Public Hearing Notice

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Background

This project was most recently discussed at the June 15, 2022, Planning Commission meeting. The Siskiyou County Planning Commission formally found that Butte Creek Minerals, Ltd. (BCM), the operator of Timberhitch Mine, is not financially capable of completing reclamation and has refused to provide a financial assurance in an amount deemed adequate by the lead agency. Staff was directed to take appropriate actions to cause forfeiture of financial assurances. In accordance with the Siskiyou County Code and Surface Mining and Reclamation Act (SMARA), the operator was given 60 days to commence reclamation in a letter dated June 28, 2022.

Mine operator BCM is a dissolved corporation. The sole surviving shareholder Patricia McMillan filed paperwork with the Secretary of State stating that the corporation had no outstanding liabilities, despite the unmet obligations at the mine site, and dissolved the corporation. The County's efforts to correspond with Patricia McMillan as the sole surviving former shareholder of BCM have resulted in no return communications from Ms. McMillan. The mine is without any operator, no entity will take responsibility for its reclamation, and it has been abandoned.

Mr. Clif McMillan ("Clif") represented that he could act on behalf of BCM and notified the County that he intended to reclaim the site and had already removed some scrap metal. He also indicated that due to extreme fire danger, he would need an extension because some reclamation activities could risk starting a fire. The County proposed December 1, 2022, as the final reclamation date and requested: (1) a letter of authorization establishing Mr. McMillan represented and worked on behalf of BCM, (2) a letter from the purported third-party equipment owner authorizing scrapping/removal of the equipment and (3) an updated Financial Assurance Mechanism (FAM).

On September 2, 2022, Clif sent an email to the County indicating the only partner of BCM had passed away (Mr. Cliff McMillian Sr.) so he would not be able to establish authority to act on behalf of BCM, and therefore would not be pursuing the mine reclamation. Despite correspondence and noticing, the County has received no responsive telephone calls or correspondence from the sole surviving former shareholder of BCM, Patricia McMillan. As no one will be reclaiming the mine site on behalf of BCM, the County intends to forfeit BCM's financial assurances (specifically the bond) and reclaim the mine site.

Due to BCM not having the financial capability to reclaim the mine site, nor providing the County with the necessary documents to move forward with reclamation, the County is now required to reclaim the mine site in order to fulfil Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975 (SMARA) requirements.

Discussion

The Siskiyou County Municipal Code, Article 14- Expiration, Revocation, and Appeals of Permits and Variances, identifies a process for use permit revocation:

Sec. 10-6.1402. - Revocation of permits.

Any zoning permit, use permit, or variance granted in accordance with the provisions of this chapter may be revoked by the Board in the manner set forth in this section if any of the conditions or terms of such permits or variances are violated, if compliance is not made with the provisions of this chapter, or if the following findings are made:

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a) Use Permits. The continuance of the use would be detrimental to the health, safety, morals, comfort, and general welfare of the persons residing or working in the neighborhood of such use or would be injurious or detrimental to property and improvements in the neighborhood or to the general welfare of the County.

Before the Board shall consider the revocation of any permit, the Planning Commission shall hold a public hearing thereon after giving written notice thereof to the permittee at least ten (10) days in advance of such hearing and in the same time and manner provided by law. Within five (5) days thereafter, the Planning Commission shall transmit a report of its findings and its recommendations on the revocation to the Board.

Findings

The following finding must be made in order for the Planning Commission to recommend revocation to the Board of Supervisors:

a) Use Permits. The continuance of the use would be detrimental to the health, safety, morals, comfort, and general welfare of the persons residing or working in the neighborhood of such use or would be injurious or detrimental to property and improvements in the neighborhood or to the general welfare of the County.

Here, due to BCM not being able to reclaim the mine to the standards identified in the approved reclamation plan, Condition 4 of the Use Permit requiring that the uses under the permit be conducted in accordance with the Reclamation Plan has been violated to the detriment of the neighborhood and general welfare of the County. Allowing for the Use Permit to remain in effect, which permit runs with the land unless revoked, with no person or entity being willing to meet the conditions of the Use Permit or the obligations of the Reclamation Plan imposes a threat to the general welfare of Siskiyou County residents. Additionally, the spending of taxpayers' dollars to clean up the mine site due to BCM being financially incapable to do so, impacts the general welfare of County expenditures, by having to use funding that could have been used for other purposes or programs.

Additionally, Timberhitch Quarry was notice/cited for multiple violations over the life of the permit without any corrective action being taken by any responsible party, including:

- Inadequate reclamation plan.
- Inadequate Financial Assurance Mechanism Cost Estimate (FACE).
- Idle mining operations without Interim Management Plan (IMP).
 - A surface mining operation which remains idle for over one year after becoming idle as defined in Section 2727.1 without obtaining approval of an interim management plan shall be considered abandoned and the operator shall commence and complete reclamation in accordance with the approved reclamation plan (PRC Section 2770 (h)(6)). Siskiyou County Code, Sec. 10-5.110
- Hazardous materials storage without a Hazardous Materials Business Plan.
- No proof of liability insurance in the amount of \$500,000. (Condition 11.)
- Delinquent in payment to the County's annual inspection fees.
- No official map or legal description which defines the boundaries of the mining area, and reclamation plan, to adequately complete reclamation in accordance with SMARA.

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• Illegal disposal of solid waste.

Comments

No comments have been received at the time this staff report was written.

Planning Staff Recommendations

- Adopt Resolution PC-22-028 taking the following actions:
 - 1. Recommend that the Board of Supervisors find that continuance of the mining use under UP-79-31 would be:
 - a. detrimental to the health, safety, morals, comfort, and general welfare of the persons residing or working in the neighborhood of such use; and,
 - b. injurious or detrimental to the general welfare of the County.
 - 2. Recommend that the Board of Supervisors find the condition to the granting of UP-79-31 related to the Reclamation Plan has been violated.
 - 3. Recommend that the Board of Supervisors revoke Use Permit (UP-79-31).
 - 4. Determines the project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15321.

Suggested Motion

I move that we adopt Resolution PC-2022-028, A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the County of Siskiyou, Recommending that the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors Revoke the Use Permit of Timberhitch Mine (U-79-31), Make All Necessary Findings Required Under the Siskiyou County Municipal Code and Determine the Project Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Preparation

Prepared by the Siskiyou County Planning Division.

For project specific information or to obtain copies for your review, please contact: Hailey Lang, Deputy Director of Planning Siskiyou County Planning Division 806 S. Main Street Yreka, California 96097

Resolution PC 2022-028

A Resolution of the Planning Commission of the County of Siskiyou Recommending that the Siskiyou County Board of Supervisors Revoke the Use Permit of Timberhitch Mine (U-79-31), Make All Necessary Findings Required Under the Siskiyou County Municipal Code and Determine the Project Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Whereas, on August 1, 1979, the Planning Commission approved the Timberhitch Mine Use Permit and Reclamation Plan (UP-79-31 & RP-79-31) subject to the requirements of the adopted Reclamation Plan, and Conditions of Approval; and

Whereas, Butte Creek Minerals Ltd was the last known entity engaged in surface mining operations and is the operator (hereinafter "operator") as identified on the most recent Financial Assurance Cost Estimate; and

Whereas, a Notice of Public Hearing was published in the Siskiyou Daily News on November 2, 2022; and

Whereas, hearing notices were posted pursuant to Siskiyou County Code Section 10-6.2805 *et seq*.; and

Whereas, notification of the Community Development Department's intent to seek revocation of UP-79-31 and hearing notices were mailed both first class and return receipt requested to all property owners, both surface and minreral, of the property associated with UP-79-31; and

Whereas, the Planning Commission during the May 18, 2022, meeting, determined the operator, Butte Creek Minerals Ltd. is not financially capable of completing reclamation of Timberhitch Mine; and

Whereas, the Planning Division presented its oral and written staff report on the Timberhitch Mine (SP-22-01 and UP-79-31) Use Permit revocation at the Planning Commission's regularly scheduled meeting on November 16, 2022; and

Whereas, on November 16, 2022, the Chair of the Planning Commission opened the duly noticed public hearing on the Timberhitch Mine (SP-22-01 and UP-79-31) to receive testimony, both oral and written, following which the Chair closed the public hearing and the Commission discussed the Timberhitch Mine Project (SP-20-01 and UP-79-31) prior to reaching its decision; and

Whereas, the Planning Division recommended Timberhitch Mine Use Permit revocation (SP-22-01 and UP-79-31) be determined categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15321 of the CEQA Guidelines because this determination is defined as an enforcement action taken by a regulatory agency; and

Now, Therefore Be It Resolved that the Planning Commission, based on the evidence in the record, hereby takes the following actions on the Timberhitch Mine (SP-22-01 and UP-79-31):

1. Recommend that the Board of Supervisors find that continuance of the mining use under UP-79-31 would be:

- a. detrimental to the health, safety, morals, comfort, and general welfare of the persons residing or working in the neighborhood of such use; and,
- b. injurious or detrimental to the general welfare of the County.
- 2. Recommend that the Board of Supervisors find the condition to the granting of UP-79-31 related to the Reclamation Plan has been violated.
- 3. Recommend that the Board of Supervisors revoke Use Permit (UP-79-31).
- 4. Determines the project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15321.

It is hereby certified that the foregoing Resolution PC-2022-028 was duly adopted on a motion by Commissioner ______ and seconded by Commissioner ______, at a regular meeting of the Siskiyou County Planning Commission held on the 16th day of November 2022, by the following voice vote:

Ayes:

Noes:

Absent:

Abstain:

Siskiyou County Planning Commission

Danielle Lindler, Chair

Witness, my hand and seal this 16th day of November 2022.

Hailey Lang, Secretary of the Commission

SISKIYOU COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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Land Use Permit

PERMISSION IS HEREBY GRANTED TO:TIMBERHITCH, INC.
ADDRESS: P.O. Drawer "C", Macdoel, California 96058
PURPOSE: To operate three gravel excavation sites.
ON PROPERTY LOCATED IN SECTION 11,12,14, TOWNSHIP 45N NORTH, RANGE 2W
SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING BEFORE THE USE COMMENCES:
1. The Use shall be in accordance with the approved plot plan.
2. This Use Permit does not supersede Deed Restrictions.
3. County Road and Yard setbacks must be met.
4. That the Reclamation Plan is a condition of approval in that they
will have to operate within the limitations of the Reclamation Plan.
5. The excavation is to be no deeper than twelve (12) feet which is
included in the excavation project description.
6. The Use Permit will be for a period of five (5) years at which time
it will be subject to re-review by the Commission for further
extension or other corrections that may be necessary.
THIS PERMIT IS AUTOMATICALLY TERMINATED AND ALL RIGHTS THEREUNDER RESCINDED WHEN NOT USED FOR THE ABOVE PURPOSE WITHIN OR FOR IN EXCESS OR ONE (1) YEAR. DATE: August 1, 1979
DAVID G. HEDBERG, SECRETARY SISKIYOU COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

UP-79-31 AP#: 11-250-170, 11-280-090

SISKIYOU COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

LAND USE PERMIT

PERMISSION IS HEREBY GRANTED TO: Timberhitch, Inc.

ADDRESS: 1428 Pacific Terrace, Klamath Falls, Oregon 97601

PURPOSE: To allow continued operation of three existing gravel excavation sites subject to five-year reviews by the Planning Commission for any revisions that might be appropriate.

PROPERTY LOCATED IN SECTIONS <u>11</u>, <u>12</u>, and <u>14</u>, TOWNSHIP <u>45</u> NORTH, RANGE <u>2</u> WEST.

SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING:

- 1. The use shall be in accordance with the approved plot plan.
- 2. The Use Permit does not supersede deed restrictions.
- 3. All County road and yard setbacks must be met.
- 4. That the Reclamation Plan is a condition of approval in that they will have to operate within the limitations of the Reclamation Plan.
- 5. The excavation is to be no deeper than twelve feet which is included in the excavation project description.
- 6. The Use Permit will be for a period of five years at which time it will be subject to re-review by the Commission for further extension or other corrections that may be necessary.
- 7. No blasting shall be allowed during the bald eagle nesting season (January 1 through August 31 of each year) unless specifically authorized by the Department of Fish & Game. If the bald eagles are not nesting in the nesting territory or abandon the territory during the nesting season, blasting restrictions will be lifted for that year. Nesting status will be determined by the Department of Fish & Game. The Department of Fish & Game shall be allowed entry for inspection and implementation purposes.
- 8. The applicant shall not discharge soil, silt, bark, slash, sawdust or other organic or earthen material from any quarrying, construction or associated activities of whatever nature into any stream or watercourse in the basin in quantities deleterious to fish, wildlife or other beneficial uses.
- 9. The applicant shall not place or dispose of soil, silt, bark, slash, sawdust or other organic or earthen material from any quarrying, construction or associated activities of whatever nature into any stream or watercourse in the basin in quantities deleterious to fish, wildlife or other beneficial uses.
- 10. The property owner shall provide security in an amount not less than Twenty-six Hundred Dollars (\$2,600) to constitute performance and reclamation bonds, line of credit or other security acceptable to the County which shall be maintained during the life of this permit. The insurance company, 30 days prior to the cancellation, expiration or default, shall notify the Planning Director, P.O. Box 1085, Yreka, California, 96097 in the event of cancellation, expiration or default. Note: The security shall be provided to the Siskiyou County Planning Department no later than Wednesday, February 1, 1990.

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LAND USE PERMIT

- 11. The applicant shall provide liability and property damage insurance in the amount of \$500,000 single liability on a company authorized to do business in the State of California and acceptable to the County. The County shall be named as additional insured.
- 12. Upon completion of quarrying activities, the applicant shall evenly redistribute any stockpiled topsoil over the disturbed areas and revegetate said areas with vegetation acceptable to the Department of Fish & Game.
- 13. A chemical toilet shall be provided on site for quarry operators during quarry operations.
- 14. Prior to Use Permit issuance, a Hazardous Materials Business Plan shall be submitted to the Health Department's satisfaction.

NOTATION:

This Use Permit is automatically terminated and all rights thereunder rescinded when not used for the above purpose within two years of issuance or, if once established, not used for one year.

DATE: March 3, 1993 APPROVED

D. Danum

Richard D. Barnum, Secretary Siskiyou County Planning Commission

DATE ISSUED: Jan. 12, 1998

pc: Public Works, L. Inman
Building Department, B. Fiock
Assessor, E. Kische
Health Department
Federal Land Bank Association
File



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Appendix B

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SUGGESTED MODEL RECLAMATION PLAN

As a guide to Counties and Cities for Compliance with Section 2772, Surface Mining and Reclamation Act of 1975

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OWN.	ER, OPERATOR, AND AGENT:	
1.	Applicant Tmberchitch Ruc	
	Name Address Drawer C, Macdoel Ca. 96058	
	Telephone 398 4589	
2.	Name (if any) of Mineral Property	
3.	Property Owners, or owners of surface rights (List all owners).	
	Name above. Address	
•	Telephone	
4.	Owners of Mineral rights.	
	Name Address above	
	Telephone	
5.	Lessee.	
	Name Nove Address	
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6.	Operator.	-
	Name aboue Address	
	Telephone	× e
7.	Agent of Process. (Person designated by operator as his agent for the service of process).	
	Name Address Of Mc Mulland	
	Telephone 398 4269	

LOCATION:

8. Brief description, including legal, of the extent of the mined lands (to be) involved by this operation, including total acreage.

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19a. If processing of the ores or minerals mined is planned to be conducted at or adjacent to the site, briefly describe the nature of the processing and explain disposal method of the tailings or waste from processing.

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19b. Estimate quantity (gallons per day) and quality of water required by the proposed operation, specifying proposed sources of this water, of method of its conveyance to this property and the quantity and quality and method of disposal of used and/or surplus water.

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20. If the nature of the deposit and the mining method used will permit, describe and show the steps or phases of the mining operation that allow concurrent reclamation, and include a proposed time schedule for such concurrent activities.

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- 21. Attach a map of the mined lands and/or suitable aerial photograph showing:
 - (a) Boundaries and topographic details of the site;
 - (b) Location of all streams, roads, railroads, water wells, and utility facilities within 500 feet of the site;
 - (c) Location of all currently proposed access roads to be constructed in conducting the surface mining operation(s);
 - (d) Location of areas (to be) mined, and of waste dumps and tailings ponds.
 - (e) By use of overlay symbol or color, depiction of separate mining phases if applicable. (See Item 20).

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(f) The source of map base, orientation (North arrow), and scale (e.g., 1'' = 500', etc.) of the map.

RECLAMATION PLAN:

22. Indicate on an overlay of map of Item 21, or by color or symbol on map those areas to be covered by reclamation plan.

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23. Describe the ultimate physical condition of the site and specify proposed use(s), or potential uses, of the mined lands as reclaimed.

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24. Describe relationship of the interim uses other than mining and the ultimate physical condition to:

(a)	Zoning regulations.	consistan	it iest	fam	zonning	51
(b)	General plan and plan elements.	this a	nd adj	acent	lands.	

25. Provide evidence that all owners of a possessory interest in the land have been notified of the proposed use(s) or potential uses identified in Item 22. (Attach copy of notarized statement of acknowledgment, etc.)

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26. Describe soil conditions and proposed soil salvage plan.

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- 27. Describe the methods, their sequence and timing, to be used in bringing the reclamation of the land to its end state. Indicate on map (Item 21-22) or on diagrams as necessary. Include discussion of the pertinent items listed below.
 - (a) Backfilling and grading.

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- (b) Stabilization of slopes.
- (c) Stabilization of permanent waste dumps, tailings, etc.
- (d) Rehabilitation of pre-mining drainage.
- (e) Removal, disposal, or utilization of residual equipment, structures, refuse, etc.
- (f) Control of contaminants, especially with regard to surface runoff and ground water.
- (g) Treatment of streambeds and streambanks to control erosion and sedimentation.
- (h) Removal or minimization of residual hazards.
- (i) Resoiling, revegetation with evidence that selected plants can survive given the site's topography, soil and climate.
- 28. If applicant has selected a short term phasing of his reclamation, describe in detail the specific reclamation to be accomplished during first phase.
- 29. Describe how reclamation of this site in this manner may affect future mining at this site and in the surrounding area.



COUNTY OF SISKIYOU

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AARON STUTZ, MD PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICER

Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is Hereby Given that the Siskiyou County Planning Commission will hold a Public Hearing on **Wednesday, November 16, 2022 at 9:00 a.m.**, or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, 311 Fourth Street, Second Floor, Yreka, California, on the project described below.

The public may attend by Zoom/teleconference. The information necessary to attend by Zoom/teleconference will be set forth on the meeting Agenda posted both online and physically the Friday before the meeting.

Timberhitch Mine (SP-22-01 / UP-79-31)

Project Location and Description: The project site is located within Butte Valley, a quarter-mile east of State Highway 97, and one mile south of Little Shasta/Ball Mountain Road on APNs 011-250-170 and 011-280-290; Township 45N, Range 2W, Sections 11,12 and14 MDB&M; Latitude 41.594°, Longitude -122.407°.

This public hearing is intended to carry out the requirements identified in Article 14. - Expiration, Revocation, and Appeals of Permits and Variances within the Siskiyou County Municipal Code, in order to revoke the Use Permit (UP-79-31) associated with the Timberhitch Pit Surface Mine (CA Mine ID No. 91-47-0055). The activity allowed under UP-79-31 includes the operation of three gravel excavation sites.

It is anticipated that the recommended finding will be determined to be categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines pursuant to Section 15321, Enforcement Actions by Regulatory Agencies. A "categorical exemption" implies that the project will not result in any significant adverse environmental effect. The Planning Commission will consider the appropriateness of said environmental recommendation based on the record of evidence before them. If substantial evidence has been presented demonstrating a more appropriate environmental determination than the one that has been recommended, the Planning Commission may require and/or approve an alternative environmental determination pursuant to the requirements of CEQA.

All project documents are on file at the Planning Division of the Siskiyou County Community Development Department, 806 South Main Street, Yreka, California, 96097, and are available for public review. A staff report and all attachments will be available for public review three working days prior to the Planning Commission meeting either at the Planning Division office or online on the Siskiyou County Planning Commission's meeting page: https://www.co.siskiyou.ca.us/planningcommission/page/planning-commission-meeting-56

All items presented to the Planning Commission during a public hearing, including but not limited to, letters, e-mail, petitions, photos, or maps, become a permanent part of the record and must be submitted to the Clerk of the Commission. It is advised that the presenter bring 12 copies of anything presented to the Commission and that the presenter create copies in advance for their own records.

All public records related to an open session item on the Agenda which are not exempt from disclosure pursuant to the California Public Records Act that are distributed to a majority of the legislative body will be available for public inspection at 806 S. Main Street, Yreka, CA 96097, at the time that the public records are distributed or made available to a majority of the members of the legislative body.

Any concerns or issues relating to the application must be raised during the public review period or at the public hearing. Public comments can be submitted via mail or hand delivery to the Planning Division (806 S. Main Street, Yreka, CA 96097) or email to <u>planning@co.siskiyou.ca.us</u>. Please include your name and physical address. Comments must be received by the County by 5:00 p.m. the day before the public hearing. If you challenge either the proposed project or the project's environmental document in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to Planning prior to or at the public hearing.

For more information regarding the proposed project or the public hearing, please contact Hailey Lang at (530) 841-2100 or <u>hlang@co.siskiyou.ca.us</u>.

Hailey Lang, Secretary Siskiyou County Planning Commission