

# ENVIRONMENTAL CHECKLIST FORM AND DETERMINATION

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## Initial Study

1. **Project Title:** Idaho-Maryland Mine Project
2. **Lead Agency Name and Address:** City of Grass Valley Planning Department  
125 East Main Street  
Grass Valley, CA 95945-6505
3. **Contact Person and Phone Number:** Tom Last, Planning Director  
(530) 274-4330
4. **Project Location:** Western Nevada County and the City of Grass Valley. The Idaho-Maryland and Round Hole sites are located south of Idaho-Maryland Road, west of Brunswick Road, and north of East Bennett Road. The New Brunswick site is located southwest of the intersection of Brunswick Road and East Bennett Road.
5. **Project Sponsor's Name and Address:** Idaho Maryland Mining Corporation  
179 Clydesdale Court  
Grass Valley, CA 95945  
Phone (530) 271-0679
6. **Existing General Plan Designation(s):** The City of Grass Valley General Plan designates the Idaho-Maryland site as *Business Park* and *Urban Medium Density* residential (UMD), the New Brunswick site as *Manufacturing Industrial (M-I)*, and the Round Hole site as *Business Park*. The Nevada County General Plan designates the Idaho-Maryland site as *Business Park* and the New Brunswick site as *Industrial*.
7. **Existing Zoning Designation(s):** The City of Grass Valley Zoning Map designates the Round Hole site as *Specific Plan (SP1-A)*. The Nevada County Zoning Map designates the Idaho-Maryland site as *Business Park* and the New Brunswick site as *Light-Industrial – Site Performance Combining*

*District.*

**8. Description of Project:**

See Section 3, Project Description.

**9. Surrounding Land Uses and Setting:**

See Section 3, Project Description.

**10. Other public agencies whose approval is required:**

See Section 3, Project Description.

## Environmental Factors Potentially Affected

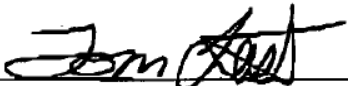
The proposed project could potentially affect the environmental factor(s) checked below. The following pages present a more detailed checklist and discussion of each environmental factor.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aesthetics                      | <input type="checkbox"/> Agriculture Resources                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Air Quality                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Cultural Resources                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Geology, Soils and Seismicity  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hazards and Hazardous Materials | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Hydrology and Water Quality        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Use and Land Use Planning |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mineral Resources               | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise                              | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Population and Housing         |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Public Services                 | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recreation                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Transportation and Traffic     |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Utilities and Service Systems   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory Findings of Significance |  |

### DETERMINATION: (To be completed by Lead Agency)

On the basis of this initial study:

- I find that the proposed project COULD NOT have a significant effect on the environment, and a NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, there will not be a significant effect in this case because revisions in the project have been made by or agreed to by the project proponent. A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION will be prepared.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a significant effect on the environment, and an ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required.
- I find that the proposed project MAY have a “potentially significant impact” or “potentially significant unless mitigated” impact on the environment, but at least one effect 1) has been adequately analyzed in an earlier document pursuant to applicable legal standards, and 2) has been addressed by mitigation measures based on the earlier analysis as described on attached sheets. An ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT REPORT is required, but it must analyze only the effects that remain to be addressed.
- I find that although the proposed project could have a significant effect on the environment, because all potentially significant effects (a) have been analyzed adequately in an earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION pursuant to applicable standards, and (b) have been avoided or mitigated pursuant to that earlier EIR or NEGATIVE DECLARATION, including revisions or mitigation measures that are imposed upon the proposed project, no further environmental documentation is required.

  
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 Signature

August 28, 2007  
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 Date

Tom Last  
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 Printed Name

City of Grass Valley Planning Department  
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