



CITY OF ELY

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November 9, 2018

BLM Ely District Office
702 North Industrial Way
Ely, NV 89301
ATTN: Project Manager Stacy Holt

RE: Robinson Keystone Overdump Project

Ms. Holt:

The Ely City Council Members present at their November 8, 2018 meeting voted to send a letter in support of the Robinson Keystone Overdump Project.

In reviewing the Preliminary Environmental Assessment, the Keystone Overdump Project will not have a significant environmental impact on our area – 60 additional acres for the Ruth Pit expansion; the closure of access roads that were not public to begin with; and only 2.5 acres for the new Mollie Gibson cell – but will have a tremendous economic impact upon our area, extending the mine's life two more years and adding approximately 60 more employees. *Robinson Mine* is a good member of the community and has donated to the local Girls and Boys Club, the County Library's Summer Reading program and the City of Ely Fire Department, to name a few.

Further, the Preliminary Environmental Assessment states that the Keystone Overdump Project is consistent with *Robinson Mine's* authorized mining plan. *Robinson Mine* has a history of working diligently with the City of Ely on environmental issues, evidenced by monthly attendance at our Municipal Utilities Board meetings; water agreements between the City and *Robinson Mine*, including the Emergency Action Plan for Gleason Creek Discharge; an annual hydrology presentation on *Robinson Mine's* dewatering, with the next one taking place November 15, 2018; and consistent communication between *Robinson Mine* officials and the City's Engineer, as well as our Water Department Leadman.

Based upon the foregoing facts, please approve *Robinson Mine's* Keystone Overdump Project.

Sincerely,

Melody Van Camp
Mayor

Cc: Stacy Holt via email: slholt@blm.gov

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