

## **Response to Sierra Club Sierra Nevada Group Mother Lode**

### **Chapter July 16, 2015 Comment Letter**

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Site wetlands and streams will be avoided to the extent feasible. For example the seasonal stream along the southern and western edges of the parcel will be completely avoided and a Management Plan was developed for the project that includes measures to minimize potential indirect impacts to the seasonal stream from soil erosion and sedimentation to could occur during grading and construction activities. Site wetland impacts have been minimized through project design. A minimal amount of impacts to the wetlands will occur and the project will be subject to Clean Water Act Section 404 and Section 401 permitting. Compensatory mitigation requirements for any fill or dredge of site wetlands will be implemented in order to meet the “no net loss” wetland requirement of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Therefore, the project has minimized impacts to the site seasonal stream and wetlands and through permitting of the project compensatory mitigation requirements will compensate for any fill or dredge of site wetlands.