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Sent: Wednesday, August 7, 2024 6:49 PM

To: Johanna DeLong
Cc: Casey Shorrock

Subject: [EXTERNAL] Appeal (AB24-02) for Highland Farms, LP (UP 20-96)

Attachments: Lake County Rockhounds correspondence.pptx

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Ms. DeLong,

Attached please find a pdf file containing screenshots of correspondence between myself and the Lake County Rockhounds.

The Lake County Rockhounds are a local rock, lapidary and gemstone collecting club. I met them June 15, 2024 while they were on a field trip specifically to collect serpentine samples at the large serpentine rock cut at the intersection of Highland Springs Rd. and Udding Rd. -- the entrance to the proposed Highland Farms cannabis project. The attached file contains text messages between myself and a club member and also social media messages between myself and another club member on their Facebook social media site.

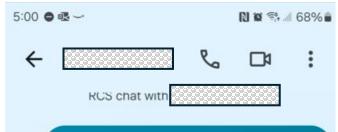
Please add this email and the pdf file to the public record in support of the appeal and as further evidence of the presence of serpentine on the Highland Farms project site.

Regards,

Thomas Lajcik

Text Message sent to Lake County Rockhound Club Member June 29, 2024 at approximately 5pm.

I encountered Lake County
Rockhound Club members
Saturday June 15, 2024 at the
intersection of Highland
Springs Rd. and Udding Rd.
The club was on a field trip
collecting serpentine samples
at the rock cut at that location.



Regarding Rockhound visit to Highland Springs Park 25th of June collecting serpentine. Greetings. Sorry for the late response back. If you recall, we met and traded numbers and briefly discussed a cannabis permit applicant not believing there was serpentine at the location your group was collecting samples. I tried visiting the Facebook site you recommended but it's a private group. Anyway, I was wondering if you or one of the group members has a photo of the Rockhounds at that location that I could share with the county.



I don't but I will check our next meeting is Wednesdays I'll bring this up and then I'll let you know

That would be greatly appreciated!!! Thanks! If for some reason that is not possible, anything promoting that field trip would be great.

The reason it's important is because rare and endangered species concentrate on serpentine soils (also the toxic dust) The applicant wants to bulldoze that entire rock cut away to make the access road on top of the formation straight.

Social media post from member of the Lake County Rockhound Club member showcasing a serpentine sample collected at the rock cut at the intersection of Highland Springs Rd. and Udding Rd. The rock was collected during a club field trip to that location June 15, 2025.

Social media post is on July 5, 2024.

