To Richard Daviau,

I am very concerned about the illegal mining occurring at Zimmerly Mine, located north of Steigerwald National Wildlife Refuge. The commission has a responsibility to uphold the rules and regulations under the Scenic Area Act. Zimmerly’s history of illegally dumping missions of gallons of mining runoff into Gibbons Creek and Steigerwald Lake should serve as a warning to the commission that the Zimmerly mine should not be allowed and requested permits should be denied. I have served as a volunteer Trail Steward at Steigerwald National Wildlife for over 2 years prior to the Pandemic and I observed the noise that resulted from the 340 truckloads per day going to and from the pit. The mining is not only illegal; it is in violation of land use laws and is occurring without required permits. I urge the Commission to protect the wildlife, school children and water quality from this terrible mining. Thank you for the opportunity to comment.

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