

STATE OF COLORADO

DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY
Department of Natural Resources

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February 18, 2014

City of Creede
2223 Main Street
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Creede, CO 81130

John W. Hickenlooper
Governor

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Executive Director

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Director

RE: Rio Grande Silver, Inc., Bulldog Mine, Permit No. M-1977-215, Notice of Operator's Request for Temporary Cessation Status (Revision TC-02)

Dear City of Creede,

This letter is to inform counties, and any municipalities within two miles of a mining operation, of the intent of Rio Grande Silver, Inc. to put the above referenced mining operation into a state of temporary cessation (TC). This letter is sent pursuant to the requirement of Rule 1.13.6 (1) of the Hard Rock Rules and Regulations of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board.

Please be advised that on February 18, 2014, Rio Grande Silver, Inc., whose address is P.O. Box 610, Creede, Colorado 81130, filed a Notice of Temporary Cessation with the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety for the permitted Bulldog Mine mining operation. The mining operation is located in Sections 35 and 36, Township 42N, Range 1W, NMPM, in Mineral County.

The first period of temporary cessation began on December 31, 2013, and will last up to five years from that date, until December 30, 2018. The notice submitted to the Division contains information pertaining to the reasons for cessation of the mining operation, a plan for resumption, and the measures to be taken to comply with reclamation and other necessary activities related to the performance standards of Rule 3 of the Rules and Regulations in order to maintain the mine while it is in a non-producing or non-development state.

The Notice of Temporary Cessation will be placed on the monthly agenda of the March 26-27, 2014 meeting of the Mined Land Reclamation Board. During that meeting, the Board may consider acceptance of the notice so long as there are no issues with performance or reclamation standards via inspection, file review, and no concerns are expressed by interested persons who would be adversely affected or aggrieved.

Please submit written comments regarding the matter to the Division by no later than 5:00 pm, March 24, 2014. All written comments are to be sent to the Division's Denver Office, at the address above.

If you need additional information please contact me at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, Durango Field Office, by telephone at 970-247-5193, or by e-mail at bob.oswald@state.co.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Bob Oswald".

Bob Oswald
Environmental Protection Specialist

Attachments: Notice of Temporary Cessation, Rio Grande Silver, Inc., February 13, 2014

Cc: Rio Grande Silver, Inc.
Russ Means, DRMS Grand Junction

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