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Notice of intent to prospect with hand tools

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Mr. Tony Waldron

We will once again be doing some "discovery" work on our unpatented mining claims as well as open National Forest lands in our on-going efforts to discover and eventually develop and possibly mine valuable mineral resources. I am outlining our planned activities on those claims which do not either have prospecting permits or mining permits covering our operations. We do not believe the anticipated work results in any significant disturbance, which would necessitate a reclamation bond. All work is casual prospecting with hand tools only.

Our accustomed manner of prospecting, making discovery, and submitting plans of operations and subsequently applying for either a prospecting permit or a mining permit has been as follows: Since the early 80s we have prospected open lands for valuable minerals using hand tools, largely, pick and shovel, and occasionally made discovery on some areas which could result in finding valuable deposits. In those cases, we have then filed unpatented mining claims and notified the Forest Service of those areas we wish to more intensely prospect. In cases in which we are hand digging only and limiting disturbances of all hand digs that total less than 1,600 square feet we have not been required to have reclamation bonds. This has historically been determined to have minimal impact and been considered casual collecting. However, after we have located the most potential areas, we have then marked these and submitted them to the Forest Service with a plan of operations for mechanized prospecting. In these cases, the Forest Service has conducted appropriate environmental impact studies and required reclamation bonds. At this point, we have also submitted to the State Mining Reclamation Board our operations plans and completed their appropriate applications, etc. In cases where we are planning greater than 1,600 square foot excavations, exceeding the numbers as outlined in your regulations that are allowed for prospecting, mining permits have also been required, and we have acquired those. The requirement of a mining permit also triggers requirements for County conditional use permits and additional monitoring, etc.

Recently, the definitions of casual collectin, prospecting, and mining have become blurred. I intend to conduct discovery work in search of valuable minerals on my unpatented mining claims in areas that may or may not also be covered by prospecting or mining permits, but I do not wish to be in violation of the state regulations. I am a proponent of defining a minimal acceptable level of prospecting with hand tools which does not require the use of State or Federal resources to oversee or approve other than the review of a notice of intent that briefly outlines and gives the general area of such work. In most cases, an acceptable threshold could be no disturbances totaling more than 1,600 square feet and/or the use of mechanized equipment on a single 20 acre claim. (Placer operations within streambeds might require a different minimal threshold.) With this in mind, and awaiting further guidance, I am submitting the following particulars on areas I wish to prospect this season with the use of hand tools.

Mount Antero and Mount White: We have five mining claims (see attached site maps) on which we desire to hand prospect using "pick and shovel." We have not made discovery of any areas, with the

exception of possibly two, for which we anticipate disturbances of more than a few square feet of disturbance. In my letter last season, I described our manner of exploring for minerals on these claims. One site on the Star + has shown some promise, and I would like to use breaker bars to knock down some overhanging boulders. This site is located below cliffs and is in talus. The second site is on the Ice King. A previous discovery has been buried under many feet of talus which annually creeps downslope to cover our digging sites. I would like to open this area and similarly use breaker bars to dislodge some of the larger boulders to make this site safe and hopefully open it up for some future discovery work.

Lake George and Pilot Peak: We have numerous mining claims in these areas and would like to continue prospecting these claims. As you know, our permits do not cover the entire claim because the Forest Service and State have different approaches to approving sites for disturbance and reclamation requirements. (The Forest Service wants specific identification of each site and complete recovery of a site; whereas the state will allow disturbance and staggered reclamation.) We find it impractical to permit all the potential mining areas. Instead, we hand prospect until worthwhile sites are discovered. This consists of cutting small trenches in search of pegmatite zones. Very rarely a small pit is opened on these trenches to investigate possible pocket zones. As we continue prospecting, we will identify those areas that we need to further investigate. At that time, we will apply for any appropriate permits or request addendums to current permits.

If you would like additional information or clarification, I will be happy to discuss. Otherwise, I would like to proceed at these sites with hand digging in a continuing effort to discover areas that need further investigation. Our disturbances will remain below 1,600 square feet per claim. No mechanized equipment will be used. Reclamation will occur in concert with any hand digging. If areas are discovered which may require a significant disturbance, we will apply for an appropriate prospecting permit or mining permit.

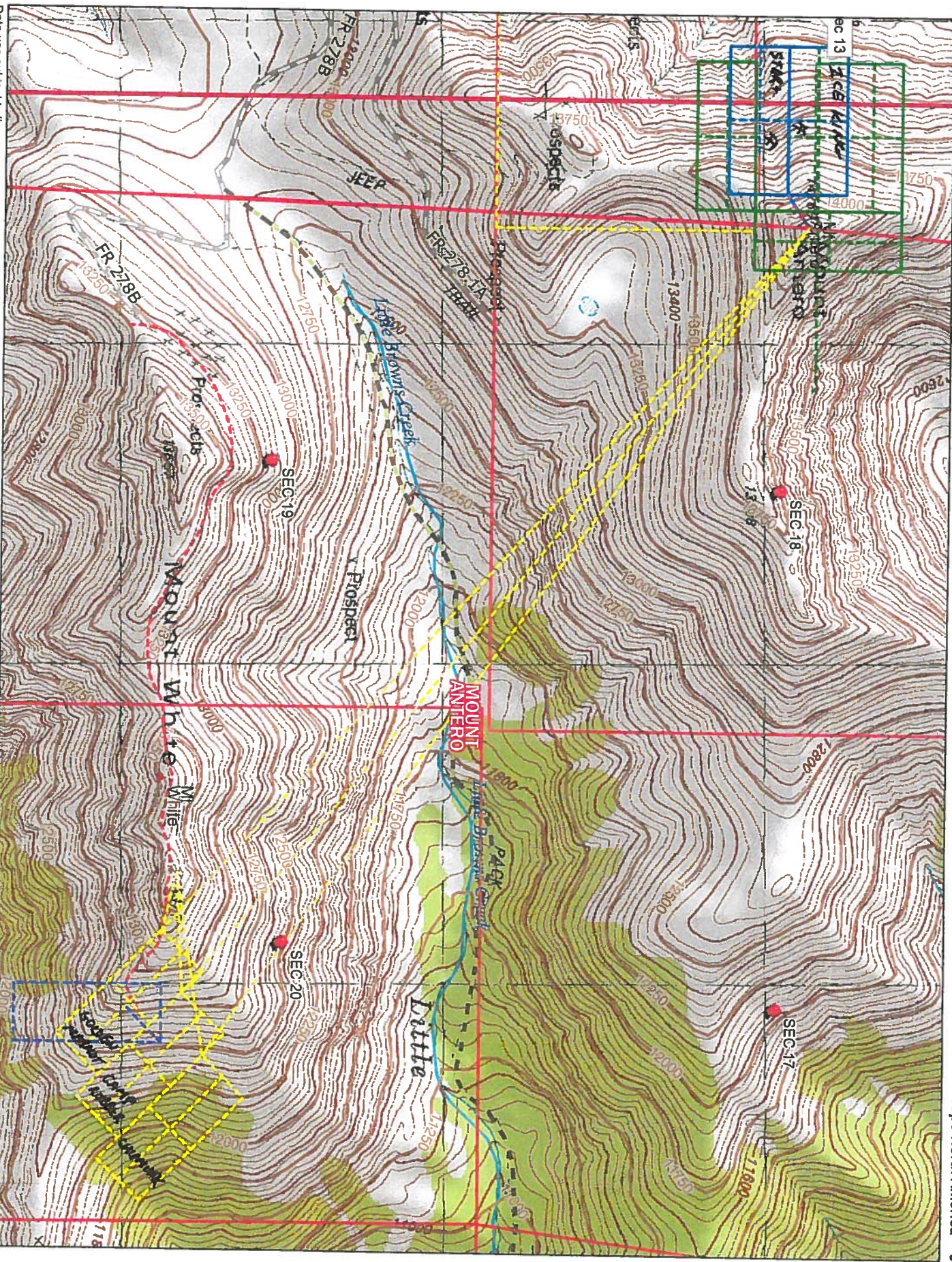
Again, these activities are separate from our other mining permits and/or prospecting permits.



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Site map for Antero





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