

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215 Denver, CO 80203

July 14, 2014

Bob Gydesen Dunraven Mining LLC 502 Wisconsin St. Gunnison, CO 81230

Re: Notice on Intent to Conduct Prospecting (NOI), Upper Gold Links Portal, File No. P-2014-011, Proposed Activity is Considered Mining, NOI will be Denied

Dear Mr. Gydesen,

The Division has reviewed the NOI application named above and has noted that the activities described in it are considered to be mining, rather than prospecting. The plan is to re-open an existing portal, stabilize and secure the opened portal, and reclaim the surrounding disturbed land. Specifically, the NOI states that the existing pre-law portal "will be opened ... for the purposes of air flow to the lower workings of another mine (Gold Links, M-1987-143)."

As presented, the NOI plan does not conform to the Division's definition of prospecting. The NOI plan proposes activities to support a permitted mining operation (the Gold Links Mine) which you operate. Since the plan involves a mining-related activity, the Division cannot approve this NOI application.

The obtain approval for re-opening the Upper Gold Links Portal and other disturbances around the portal site, plus the subsequent reclamation, the activities proposed in this NOI should be submitted as an amendment to the Gold Links Mine permit. Since it is directly involved with supporting that operation, it must be added to that permit as an amendment before it can be undertaken.

The Division's decision to deny this NOI will be made in 15 days (on July 29, 2014). If you wish to withdraw the NOI, please submit your request to the Division before that date. Written submittals should be mailed to the Division's Denver office (see address below).

If you have any questions, please contact me by telephone: 303-866-3567 ext. 8175, or 970-247-5193; or by email: <u>bob.oswald@state.co.us</u>.

Sincerely,

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Bob Oswald Environmental Protection Specialist

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