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Dear Mr. Strong

This letter is a follow up to a letter I sent you dated October 9, 2014 regarding your proposed Plan of Operations for your Apex Lode operations (BLM Lead File CMC 123145) located in Section 7, T5S, R88W, on the Rifle Ranger District.

In the above referenced letter, I reminded you that until our office receives confirmation from the Colorado DMRS that sufficient financial and performance warranties to reclaim all disturbances caused by your operations are in place, your plan is not approved and no mine related activities are allowed on site.

Field season is quickly approaching and I find that the DRMS has still not received the appropriate warranties. If my office receives word that you have not submitted the appropriate sureties by August 28, 2015, your operations will be in non-compliance per **36 CFR 228 Subpart A**, and State and Federal regulatory action will begin.

Please contact Robert Grosvenor by phone at (970) 945-3288 or email rgrosvenor@fs.fed.us with any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

SARAH HANKENS
District Ranger

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