



COLORADO

**Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety**

Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

February 1, 2016

San Miguel County
Board of County Commissioners
P.O. Box 1170
333 W. Colorado Ave
Telluride, CO 81435

**Re: St. Jude Mine, Pinon Ridge Mining LLC, Permit No. M-1978-039-HR, Request for
Temporary Cessation Status**

Board of San Miguel County Commissioners,

This letter is to inform Counties and Municipalities within two miles of a mining operation of the intent of the Operator to put their mining operation into a state of Temporary Cessation. This letter is sent pursuant to the requirements of Rule 1.13.6 of the Hard Rock and Metals Mining Rules of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board.

Please Be advised that Pinon Ride Mining LLC., Whose address is P.O. Box 825, 31161 Highway 90, Nucla, CO 81424 and whose telephone number is (970)-864-2124, has filed Notice of Temporary Cessation with the Division of Reclamation , Mining and Safety for the St. Jude Mine, Permit No. M-1978-039-HR. The mining operation is located at or near Section 13, Township 44N, Range 18W, and 10th New Mexico Prime Meridian in San Miguel County.

The period of Temporary Cessation will commence beginning on April 19, 2015 and will last up to five years from that date, ending April 19, 2020. 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 taken to comply with reclamation and other necessary activities related to the performance standards of Rule 3 of the Hard Rock and Metals Mining Rules in order to maintain the mine in a non-producing or non-developed state.

The receipt of the Notice of Temporary Cessation will be acknowledged in the monthly activity report attached to the agenda for the February 24-25, 2016 meeting of the Mined Land Reclamation Board unless a written, timely objection if filed by a person directly and adversely affected or aggrieved as defined by Rule 1.1 (38.1) of the Hard Rock and Metals Mining Rules

If objections are received, the Division will place the Notice of Temporary Cessation on the agenda for the March 23-24, 2016 meeting of the Mined Land Reclamation Board. During that meeting the Board will consider whether or not to accept the Notice.



If you have require any additional information, or have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Lucas West at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, CO 80203 or by phone at (970)-243-6368. You may also contact me by email at lucas.west@state.co.us.

Sincerely,



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