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Dear Mr. Felderhof:

On March 14, 2016, BLM received a notice modification, for exploration activities in T19S, R71W, Section 14 in Fremont County, CO, from Angela Bellantoni with Environmental Alternatives, Inc. BLM has reviewed the notice and per 43 CFR 3809 responded within the regulatory required timeframe of 15 days on March 29, 2016 via email. This letter is intended to formalize the information that was provided in the email.

Based on the review of data that is currently available, there does not appear to be a direct conflict with archeological sites or threatened and/or endangered species and their habitat within the proposed disturbance boundary. Although not currently identified, continued awareness during project implementation is critical so cultural resources are not inadvertently disturbed or destroyed. Regulations outlined in 43 CFR 3809.420 provide further details on performance standards that also apply to your notice operation, which include those related to cultural resources and threatened or endangered species.

After fully reviewing this submittal, it has been determined that your notice modification is complete. In accordance with 43 CFR 3809.312(c), a financial guarantee was submitted prior to beginning exploration operations under the notice. BLM has determined that this existing financial warranty remains adequate with the activities proposed in the modification.

If mining activities are proposed as a result of this exploration project (or any other conditions are met under 43 CFR 3809.11), then BLM needs to be notified and compliance with 43 CFR 3809.400 will be required.

Please contact Stephanie Carter at 719-269-8551 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Keith E. Berger
Field Manager
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cc: Angela Bellantoni, Ph.D., EAI
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