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April 25, 2016

Re: April Fools (CMC264721) Permit NO. M-2016-011
Need for State Mining Reclamation Permit

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Dear Mr. Cazier,

We are in receipt of your letter of February 23, 2016 concerning the referenced claim held by the Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society (CSMS). We do not believe that a Mining Reclamation Permit is necessary for what we are doing. We have a claim of slightly less than 20 acres filed a number of years ago as a recreational claim for our members. As a mineralogical society, our membership is made up mostly of hobbyists. The digging we do on the claim is with hand tools (no mechanized equipment is allowed) and holes are supposed to be backfilled before departing the claim. We usually do a couple of club outings each year, so that new members can learn from our more experienced members. As part of these outings, we usually do filling in of holes that may have been created by claim jumpers or members who have not followed the rules. Such was the case last fall when a group of members went to the claim and spent a total of 60 hours filling holes on the claim and adjacent to the claim. Since the advent of the TV show "The Prospectors", this has become a bigger problem.

The material collected on the claim is: smoky quartz, fluorite, amazonite, and goethite. Since there are not great quantities of any of these minerals on the site, very little material has left the claim since we took possession.

As recently as August 17, 2015, the US Forest Service has determined that because of the nature of our activity, "... that a Plan of Operations is not needed at this time." The same determination was made in 2014. As we continue our use of the claim, we are not planning on changing our level of use. We will probably schedule an extra trip each fall to take care of the holes created by the claim jumpers.

As part of my follow-up to your letter and to avoid confusion, I contacted you by phone on April 21, 2016. During our conversation we were able to sort out the situation with our particular claim thereby avoiding our going down the wrong path in our response to the Colorado Division of Reclamation. You have followed up that conversation by sending to me by e-mail (YAMOFTHWEST@gmail.com) the "Is it Mining?" Form, which we will complete and get back to you as soon as possible. I believe that our response will only verify what we both thought at the end of our conversation, that our claim does not require a Mining Reclamation Permit.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter and I look forward to your response upon our completion and submittal of the "Is it Mining?" Form.

Sincerely,



Colorado Springs Mineralogical Society
Ronald Yamolkoski
Secretary

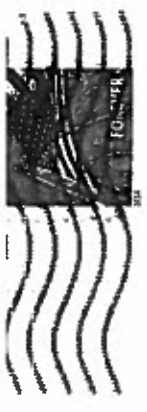
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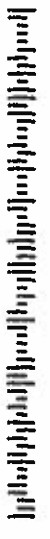
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