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RE: California Mine, File No. M-2017-008, Comments Regarding 110(1) Application

Mr. Hicks:

On April 20, 2017 the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) received comments (enclosed) regarding the above referenced application from the United States Forest Service (USFS).

Please inform the Division of how the Applicant will respond to the jurisdictional issues presented by the USFS by April 28, 2017.

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please contact me at the Division's Grand Junction Field Office.

Sincerely,

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Comments regarding California Mine

1 message

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Thu, Apr 20, 2017 at 2:58
PM

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To: "dustin.czapla@state.co.us" <dustin.czapla@state.co.us>

Cc: "Lovato, David S -FS" <dlovato@fs.fed.us>

Hi Dustin,

I have one comment regarding the proposed California Mine. The operator does not currently have legal access from the Forest Service. While the route he proposes to use to get to his claim is legal, the portion from the FS road to the actual dig sites is considered non-system, and would require a road use permit. Due to a backlog of permits, we will not be able to issue this permit until next year; therefore, the operator does not have legal access through the Forest Service until 2018.

If you have any questions, please contact myself or Lands Specialist Dave Lovato (dlovato@fs.fed.us).

Thanks!



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