

June 12, 2017

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**COLORADO**  
Division of Reclamation,  
Mining and Safety  
Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215  
Denver, CO 80203

***RE: Apex Lode, Permit No. M-2014-011, Forest Service Notification of Plan of Operations  
Proposal***

Dear Mr. Strong:

On June 7, 2017 the Division was contacted by Olivia Garcia of the White River National Forest. She called to inform the Division that on May 23, 2017 her office received a Plan of Operations (POO) proposal for the Apex Lode mining site.

It appears that some of the activities referenced in the POO proposal may not be covered under your current DRMS permit. Specifically a closure method has yet to be submitted. Prior to conducting closure activities please submit a Technical Revision indicating which method in the Bid Spec book you will be using. Likewise if additional mining activities are planned you may wish to expand upon these in your mining plan. Please note that several minor changes can all be made under one Technical Revision.

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me. Amy Yeldell at the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, 1313 Sherman St., Room 215, Denver, CO 80203. Direct contact can be made by phone at 970-254-8511 or via email at amy.yeldell@state.co.us

Sincerely,

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