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**DIVISION OF RECLAMATION
MINING AND SAFETY**

Dear Mr Ross:

I received your State of Colorado Notice of Intent (NOI) on June 20, 2017 to conduct mining operations on the Clear Creek Ranger District of the Arapaho National Forest. Your proposed operations are located in Sec 35, T2S, R74W, 6th P.M. In your NOI, you propose the following mining activities:

- Sampling waste dumps at five locations
- Construction of two pits, 10'w X 30'l X 6'd to collect and recycle water to run a trommel
- Clearing an existing adit
- Use of existing roads with no change to those roads

After reviewing your proposal for compliance with the requirements of the Forest Service (FS) mining regulations at 36 CFR 228, Subpart A, I have determined your proposed activity may cause a significant disturbance to surface resources. Therefore, an approved Plan of Operations (Plan) is needed prior to conducting your proposed mining activities as described in your NOI and as summarized above. I am attaching the Plan form (FS-2800-05) for your reference.

Please contact Leslie McFadden, Clear Creek Lands and Minerals Staff at 303-567-3011 or lmcfadden@fs.fed.us, to discuss the additional information required. Once the details in your Plan have been finalized and accepted as complete, your Plan will be introduced into our National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) work schedule. The initial public notice will be filed shortly after acceptance into the work schedule.

As a reminder, your activities may be subject to other local, state and federal permits and certifications. The FS Plan process does not relieve you of your obligations to obtain all other appropriate permits and permission. Information on State requirements can be found at <http://mining.state.co.us/Pages/Home.aspx>.

Sincerely,


JAMES FIORELLI
Acting District Ranger



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