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Department of Natural Resources

1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

July 18, 2017

Amy Titterington
US Forest Service
P.O. Box 219
Fairplay, CO 80440

RE: Silent Hill; DRMS File No. P-2015-007; Notice of Financial Warranty Release Request

Dear Ms. Titterington,

On July 13, 2017, the Division received a request for release of the financial warranty (copy enclosed) for the above referenced site. The Silent Hill prospecting operation is located on lands managed by the US Forest Service (USFS). Therefore, the Division is providing you with notice of the release request pursuant to the Memorandum of Understanding between the Division and USFS.

Currently, the Division holds a financial warranty in the amount of \$1,000.00. The Division will conduct an inspection of the operation to determine if the site has been reclaimed in accordance with the approved Reclamation Plan and the Hard Rock/Metal Mining Rules. A copy of the inspection report will be forwarded to your office for review. The Division requests that USFS make a determination as to whether the site should be released and that such determination be submitted in writing to the Division.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (303)866-3567 x8116.

Sincerely,

Michael A. Cunningham
Environmental Protection Specialist

Enclosure

CC: Wally Erickson, DRMS



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P-2015-007 SL01
✓ Annual Fee/Report: PD 6/10/2017
✓ No Violations

Tom Miller
5260 Garrison Street #12
Arvada, CO 80002
Phone: (303)420-3606

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To:
Department of Natural Resources
Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety
c/o Michael Cunningham
1313 Sherman Street
Denver, CO 80203

June 29, 2017

Re: Request for reclamation responsibility release, Silent Hill operation, P-2015-007

Dear Mr. Cunningham,

I would like to request release from reclamation responsibility for the Silent Hill operation under permit # P-2015-007.

Following completion of the operation and full reclamation of the disturbed area in June 2015, favorable weather conditions in 2015/2016 lead to a well established vegetation cover. I have attended the site regularly. It is free of non-native plants and there are no signs of any erosion.

Please find attached an updated Reclamation Report with recent photos. It shows that all reclamation requirements of the prospecting notice have been satisfied.

You still hold a bond in the amount of \$1000 I would likely to request release and repayment of the bond.

Thank you very much for considering my request and I look forward to a favorable reply.

Sincerely,

Reclamation Report

June 20, 2017

Name of Operation: Silent Hill

Name of Owner/Operator: Tom Miller

Prospecting Notice of Intent: P-2015-007

Contact Information: Tom Miller

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In the project area, remains from burned timber and braches were collected and piled to be redistributed onto reclaimed area to restore natural appearance and for erosion control. Small brush was excavated and saved to be replanted.

During operation no vehicles entered the site. All supplies were brought in by foot.

Topsoil was stripped and collected from the uppermost horizon and piled uphill from the disturbed area and protected by a silt fence. Pile height was limited to 2 yards to avoid compaction and anaerobic conditions to avoid soil degradation.

Excavation pursued along pegmatite seams. Approximately 150 cubic yards of spoil was generated during excavation and piled. Operation proceeded from east to west by continuous backfilling of pit.

During operation only one major rain event occurred, leading to no erosion.

3. Site and Road Reclamation

Site reclamation: Reclaiming proceeded by first complete backfilling the pit with excavated saprolite/gruss. Several small boulders and rochs were redistributed for natural appearance. Surface was leveled to follow original natural contours. Topsoil was subsequently redistributed over the disturbed area.

The reclaimed topographic conditions are similar to the pre-disturbed conditions. The reclaimed landscape blends with the surrounding contours.

The timber and braches were redistributed onto the topsoil, with a preferred orientation perpendicular to the slope direction to aid in erosion control.

Fig. 1 shows site before operation and after reclamation.



Figure 1: Site conditions before (left, June 13) and after reclamation (right, June 25).

Road reclamation: Fallen timber was replaced over the access track as shown in Fig. 2. Vegetation disturbance was minimal and small disturbed areas were recountoured. Some brush and grass sods were replanted.

Seeds were broadcasted evenly, followed by light harrowing to increase soil to seed contact.

5. Monitoring

First seeds germinated in August 2015 and vegetation started to establish throughout the fall of 2015 aided by regular and above average precipitation. Fig. 4 shows site condition in September 2015.



Figure 4: Site conditions as of September 2015, looking north across the project site. First vegetation established. Logs and branches distributed for erosion control and density similar to surrounding area.

Fig. 5 shows a close up view of the upper area with leveled and recontoured terrain, logs for erosion control, and first signs of vegetation.



Figure 5: Site conditions as of September 2015, looking north across the project site, upper area, with first vegetation established.

Site monitoring continued through fall 2016 and into spring 2017. Vegetation cover further expanded as seen in Fig. 7. No signs of erosion is seen across the project area.



Figure 7: Site conditions as of May 2017 looking west across the project area. Vegetation expanded throughout the project area.

Fig. 8. shows corresponding view to the north. Only minimal number of non-native plants occurred, primarily mulleins, which were removed regularly.



Figure 8: Site conditions as of May 2017 looking north across the project area. Vegetation expanded throughout the project area, with weed control applied.

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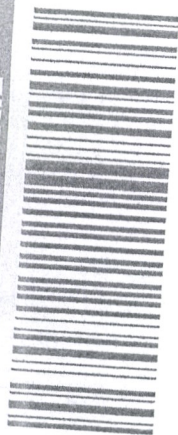
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