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Gary Pollack Owner / Operator PO BOX 6063 Colorado Springs, CO 80934

Dear Mr. Pollack,

This letter is in regards to your Q-2 Mine Plan of Operations (MPO) for proposed activities on the South Park Ranger District, Pike National Forest. The Q-2 MPO was originally received on March 17, 2017 and has since undergone a completeness review. I appreciate your submission of a revised MPO that addressed the Forest Service's concerns and included some additional information.

It is my determination that the revised Q-2 MPO received on May 15, 2017 covers the requirements of the regulations (36 CFR 228.4(c)) and will be added to the Forest's program of work. An interdisciplinary (ID) team will be assigned to analyze and disclose the environmental impacts from the proposed activity, as required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This analysis will include the consideration of comments solicited from the public and from other cooperating agencies. Following completion of the NEPA analysis, you will either appeal and/or accept any mitigations the Forest deems necessary to minimize adverse impacts, in addition to posting an acceptable reclamation bond in accordance with 36 CFR 228.13.

As a reminder, you are responsible for obtaining any other regulatory agency permits necessary for the proposed activity.

If you have further questions, please contact Amy Titterington, Geologist, at 719-836-2031 or email her at <a href="mailto:amyjtitterington@fs.fed.us">amyjtitterington@fs.fed.us</a>.

Sincerely,

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