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Cash Mine

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Mr. Cunningham:

I am writing this to support the Colorado Milling Company's Application for an Amendment to the Gold Hill Mill Permit No. M-1994-117. I have been working in underground mining in Colorado for more than twenty years. I worked at the Cash Mine for the last operator, Mount Royale Ventures. I know from first hand experience what a mess that company made of the Cash Mine and the Gold Hill Mill. I also know that operator walked off and left a lot of junk equipment and trash at the mine and mill. The present operator has cleaned up all of that junk and trash and repaired the Gold Hill Mill. This has taken several years of hard work to get accomplished. Anyone who lives in the area can see the difference.

I am familiar with this situation because I was hired to make the underground repairs at the Times Mine. I helped set the culvert and repaired the plumbing. The old timbers were replaced and the Mine is now safe and secure. When water is pumped to this mine, it will be a great thing for the town of Gold Hill. As I understand it, there would be more than 350,000 gallons of water for fighting fires. It is located above the town, and it could be connected with a pipeline that would make this a great source of water for the next fire. I repaired and connected a 2 inch pipe for this purpose. Mr. Lewis Perkins approach the Gold Hill fire chief about this, but was told to forget about it by the fire chief. Since they are opposed to mining in one of the oldest mining towns in Colorado, they do not want this water to fight a fire that could burn their town down. Does this make sense?

I have read several comments about the waterline and the pump from Left Hand Creek by people who do not seem to know much about pumps. There won't be any problem with the pump being able to push the water up to the Times Mine. It is not hard to look this stuff up. Some people might even ask why Mount Royal Ventures didn't do this when they were running the Gold Hill Mill.

I hope you will work with Colorado Milling Company to make this a successful operation.

Sincerely,

Kory MacFarlane

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