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Concerns/objections to Zephyr expanding exploration

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Regarding Zephyr Minerals modification to NOI P-2013-002.

The Dawson Ranch HOA objects to Zephyr Minerals expanding their exploration eastward and creating an exploration road less than one mile west of the subdivision's western boundary. The HOA represents over 430 households. The homes on the west end of the subdivision are approximately 14 years old. People built or buy these subdivision properties because of the beauty, quiet, and low use of the area. Exploration and potential mining operations will absolutely impact these environmental characteristics.

Please see the letter of concerns and a map of the area attached to this email and consider our concerns before modifying Zephyr's capabilities.

Also, please reply to this email with acknowledgement of receipt and any other instructions/direction we should take or provide.

Thank you for your consideration.

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We, the Dawson Ranch Homeowners Association Board, are submitting concerns about Zephyr Minerals expanding their exploration permit. We understand that on November 27, 2018 Zephyr applied for a modification of their exploration permit with the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (DRMS). They have asked to expand the boundaries of their permit further east toward the Dawson Ranch subdivision. We represent approximately 430 households ½ - 2 miles from the eastern most boundary of Zephyr's claims. I've enclosed a map of the area Zephyr intends to explore and potentially mine, so you can see the relative proximity to existing homes, trails, parks, and water drainage.

We are requesting the DRMS to block Zephyr's eastward expansion because the potential of a mine within ½ mile of homes that have been in place for 15 years can add no positive value to the area and could have a devastating impact on the fragile environment in our community. We have the following concerns about identified and unidentified potential impacts of this Zephyr's activity.

Direct Impact:

Truck traffic: if Zephyr is allowed to mine their claims, daily traffic of 75 employees, ancillary mine vendors, and up to 20 ore trucks per day would be using roads in area. This volume of traffic is disconcerting and certainly would have a significant impact on recreational traffic, safety, and aesthetics near Temple Canyon Road.

Perhaps the expansion of Zephyr's exploration should be tabled until Zephyr's plans are more established and made public (we understand that current information for truck traffic, processing plant, water usage, water recycling/drainage, fire hazards, etc. are uncertain).

Indirect:

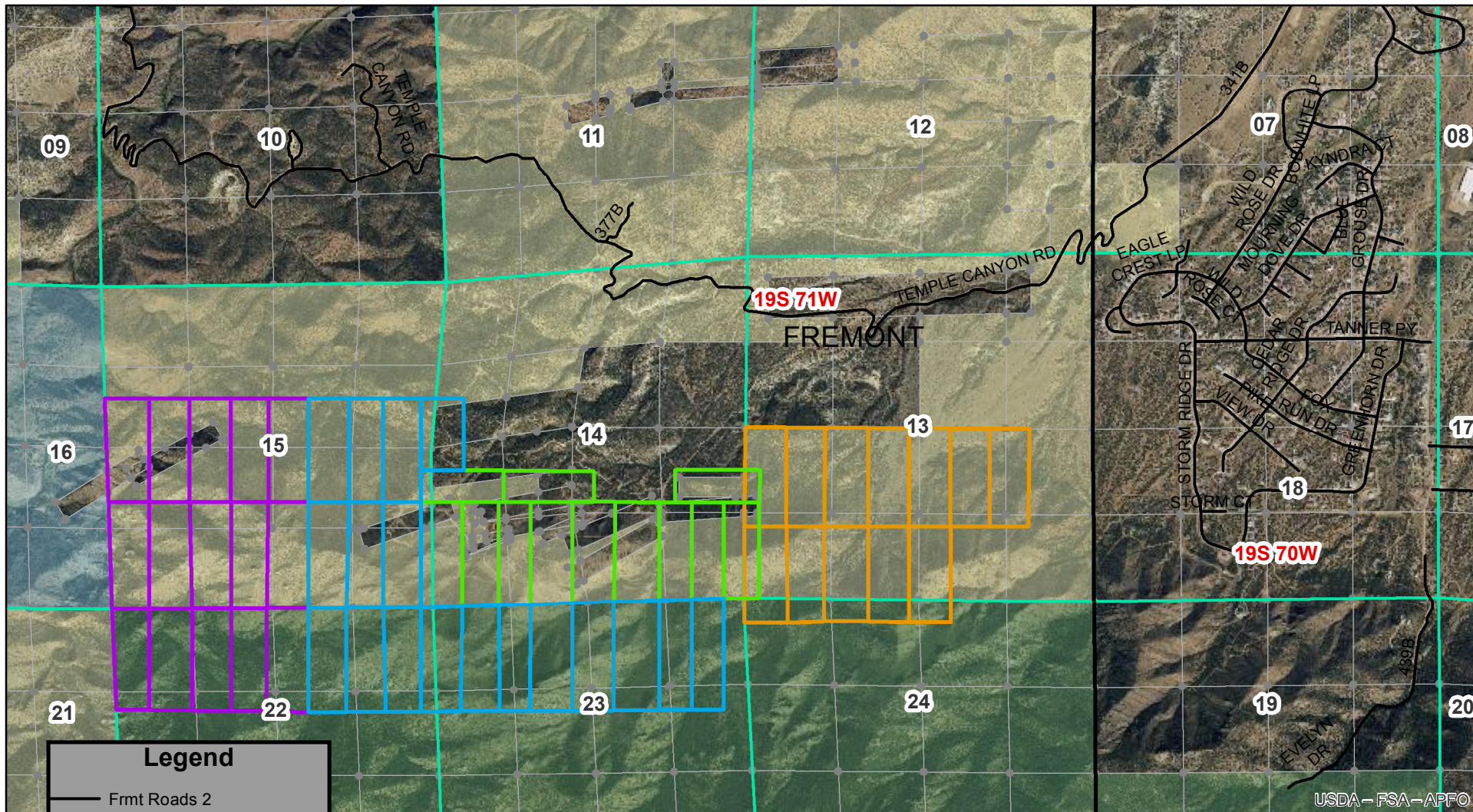
Since the sole purpose of this exploration is to plan and facilitate future mining activity, we request that the indirect potential impacts of the proposed mine, processing, and transportation activities also be considered in by DRMS. Examples of resources that should be carefully considered include the following:

- Noise pollution (~20 ore trucks + other vehicular traffic per day, easterly wind flows, current quietness)
- Air Quality (dust, exhaust fumes, easterly flow of winds, etc.)
- Soil and water (particularly if ore processing occurs on the Zephyr property)
- Fire/Fuels (additional vehicular traffic, fuels required by vehicles and other on-site equipment, additional people in the area 24x7, easterly flow of winds, etc.)
- Recreation (safety concerns caused by vehicular traffic, aesthetics of the area)
- Visual Resources - the Wet Mountain range is currently our "backyard" – it is beautiful and tranquil. We strive to retain the existing character of the landscape.
- Lands and realty – the economic impact on property values in the entire region

Please block Zephyr's eastward expansion for reasons noted above, limiting the potential harm Zephyr Minerals could do in our area.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Michael J Gromowski
Board Chair of the Dawson Ranch Homeowners Association



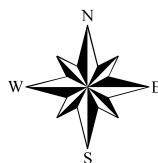
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- Private
- State
- US Forest Service

Dawson Mountain Unpatented Mining Claims

10/31/2018

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