



File Code: 2810
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John A. Giudice
375 County Line Road
Monument, Colorado 80132

Dear Mr. Giudice:

I received your Notice of Intent (NOI) on March 18, 2019, to conduct prospecting activities on the Home Of Gems No. 1 - 5 unpatented mining claims on National Forest System lands administered by the Pikes Peak Ranger District in portions of Sections 12, 13 and 24, T. 14 S., R. 68 W., 6th Principal Meridian, El Paso County, Colorado.

In reviewing your NOI, it has been determined that a Mining Plan of Operations (MPO) is not needed at this time. An MPO and a reclamation performance bond will be required for my review and approval if you *create significant resource disturbance to surface resources* as a result of proposing or doing any of the following:

- Failing to backfill any holes, pits or trenches;
- Cutting any trees;
- Using mechanized equipment;
- Using roads that are not National Forest System (NFS) roads with mechanized vehicles (including OHV);
- Creating new access routes or roads;
- Constructing any structures or facilities;
- Placing signage other than mine claim corner post identification;
- Do anything that might cause a significant disturbance.

No deviation from this NOI is authorized without my prior written approval. Your notice of intent is valid for one season or until December 31, 2019. You will need to submit a new NOI for any proposed activities after December 31, 2019.

Please note that where not otherwise restricted, it is prohibited to camp more than 28 days within a continuous 60 day period, and/or occupy any campsite for more than 14 days during this 60 day continuous period within three miles of the previous campsite. In addition, Forest Service Motor Vehicle Use Map (MVUM) rules and regulations require vehicles to park in areas immediately adjacent to NFS roads.

I have enclosed information on the reclamation standards for this district for you to review. You



are required to follow these standards to be in compliance with your NOI. Additionally the claims are located on National Forest are also located within the Municipal Watershed of Colorado Springs as designated in Cooperative Agreement dated January 9, 1924. For the purposes of conserving and protecting the water supply of the City of Colorado Springs. As required by the 1924 Agreement, use and activities within the agreement (watershed) area will not be permitted without approval of the proper city authorities. In consultation with City/Colorado Springs Utilities representative, they understand your rights and responsibilities under mining laws and agency policies and regulations. The City highlights the following practices to help protect source water areas:

1. Safe handling, storage, and use of contaminants that could potentially reach source waters. Operators could provide detail on the contaminants found on site including those possibly generated or imported in case of a spill.
2. Eliminating storm water runoff from mine tailing, pits, trenches and other land disturbances through the use of straw wattles, silt fencing and site restoration after operations cease.
3. All waste products being removed from the site for disposal at appropriate facilities.

Finally, as a reminder, you are required to follow all State and Federal mining and water quality rules and regulations. Any mining on federal lands is also subject to local, and state rules and regulations dealing with mining. The State of Colorado, Division of Reclamation and Mine Safety (DRMS), administers mining activities in El Paso County. You should be familiar with the State's requirements before submitting a Notice of Intent or Mining Plan of Operations with the Forest Service. Information that explains DRMS requirements for mining claims is found on their website at: <http://mining.state.co.us>.

If you have further questions, please contact Jeffrey Hovermale of my staff at (719) 477-4201 or email at: jeff.hovermale@usda.gov.

Sincerely,



OSCAR MARTINEZ
District Ranger

Enclosures; As noted

cc: Tim Cazier, Lisa Walters, Steven Lindvig