

February 4, 2020

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1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
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RE: M-1978-039 St. Jude Mine, M-1981-021 West Sunday Mine, M-1980-055-HR Topaz Mine, Sunday Mine, M-1977-285, Carnation Mine, M-1977-416, Notice of Hearing to Declare Termination of the Mining Operation Pursuant to 34-32-103(6)(a)(III), C.R.S.

Mr. Glasier:

This letter serves as notice that the Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety has determined that the above listed mining operations are subject to termination pursuant to 34-32-103(6)(a)(III), C.R.S. and the Colorado Court of Appeals Opinion in the Van 4 matter, Case No. 18CA1148. According to Division records the date of last production at the mines are as follows:

M-1978-039 St. Jude Mine: Last date of Recorded Production - 2009 (as indicated in annual report received on May 25, 2010)

M-1981-021 West Sunday Mine: Last date of Recorded Production- 2009 (as indicated in annual report received on May 25, 2010)

M-1980-055-HR Topaz Mine: Last date of Recorded Production -2009 (as indicated in annual report received on Jan 21, 2010)

M-1977-285 Sunday Mine: Last date of Recorded Production -2009 (as indicated in annual report received on March 25, 2010)

M-1977-416 Carnation Mine: Last date of Recorded Production -1990 (as indicated in annual report received on January 04, 1991)

The last recorded dates of production outlined above were obtained from Annual Reports submitted to the Division and reflect production data for the prior mining year. All subsequent annual reports for the above listed mines showed no production since 1990 or 2009. The Mined Land Reclamation Act, section 34-32-103(6)(a)(III), clearly states “In no case shall temporary cessation of production be continued for more than ten years without terminating the operation and fully complying with the reclamation requirements of this article.” The lack of production at the above listed mines exceeds the ten (10) year statutory period.



This matter will be set for Board consideration of termination of the mining operations and commencement of final reclamation as contemplated by statute and the Court of Appeals Opinion. The hearing will be held during the March 25-26, 2020 Board meeting at 1313 Sherman Street, Room 318, Denver, Colorado, beginning at 9:00 a.m. on March 25 or as soon thereafter as the matter can be considered.

Please contact Camille M. Mojar of the Division at (303) 866-3567 ext. 8136 on the Monday prior to the Board Hearing to confirm exactly which day your item will appear before the Board. If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please contact Russ Means.

Sincerely,



Russ Means
Minerals Program Director
Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety

Cc: James Blair, Bureau of Land Management

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Lucas West, hereby certify that on Tuesday, February 04, 2020 I deposited a true copy of the foregoing *Notice of Hearing* in the United States Mail, postage paid, addressed to the following:

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