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Zephyr Gold USA Ltd. :  
Attn: David Felderhof :  
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Dear Mr. Felderhof,

Your Plan of Operations to conduct exploration activities at Township 19 South, Range 71 West, Sections 15, 16, 17, 20, 21 and 22 in Fremont County, CO was originally received in this office on June 21, 2019. Additional information was formally received on November 22, 2019, January 6, 2020 and February 24, 2020.

Consistent with surface management regulations at 43 CFR 3809, the BLM has reviewed the Plan of Operations to determine if it contains a level of detail sufficient for the BLM to determine that it prevents unnecessary or undue degradation (UUD). As a portion of this proposal is also located within the Lower Grape Creek Wilderness Study Area (WSA), regulations at 43 CFR 3802 apply in those portions, which also include the requirement to prevent impairment of suitability of lands under wilderness review for inclusion in the wilderness system.

On February 24, 2020, Zephyr Gold USA Ltd. (Zephyr) provided a modified proposal to only conduct exploration operations within Section 21 of the WSA and Section 16, as well as complete reclamation of the portion of the trenches that were inadvertently dug slightly within the Grape Creek Area of Critical Environmental Concern. Therefore, only the regulations at 43 CFR 3802 will now apply to the exploration activities.

Based on the revised exploration proposal and requirements of the 43 CFR 3802 regulations, no Plan of Operations will be required for submittal. However, BLM will continue coordination with Zephyr and monitoring of activities during exploration to ensure that compliance with the

regulations and integrity of the lands involved with the proposal are maintained. Zephyr will also need to coordinate with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety, as applicable.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Carter at 719-269-8551.

Sincerely,

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