



File Code: 2810
Date: April 1, 2020

Mr. Robert Burger
Authorized Field Representative
Sierta Redcone, LLC.
1885 Redcoach Road
Allison Park, PA 15101

Dear Mr. Burger,

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your Red Cone Exploration Mine Plan of Operations (MPO) modification in accordance with the Forest Service (FS) mining regulations at 36 CFR 228.5(a). The MPO is dated March 25, 2020, and was received on March 26, 2020, by the South Platte Ranger District, Pike National Forest. The Red Cone MPO has been assigned an identification number of **2810-021211-MPO-2020-001**.

The Red Cone MPO outlines your intent to conduct core drilling operations on the Pike National Forest within Park County, Colorado, in portions of section 13, T. 6 S., R. 76 W., and sections 18 and 19, T. 6 S., R. 75 W., 6th Principal Meridian. The MPO described activities including:

- Use of Forest System Road 121.
- Construction of 1 temporary access road approximately 10' x 550' and cross-country travel.
- Use of one existing drill pad and construction of 2 temporary drill pads approximately 30' x 40'.
- Horizontally drill up to 6 bore holes approx. 1,000' in length using LFO-70 or similar drill rig mounted on tracks.
- Two geologists plus a drill crew on site for 12-hour shifts for 7 days a week from July 1, 2020 until October 31, 2020.

Based on my initial review of your MPO, additional information will be required in accordance with 36 CFR 228.4(c), in addition to requiring an environmental analysis (NEPA). After the South Platte Ranger District has completed the review of your MPO, I will provide you, in writing, a list of additional items necessary for you to submit in order to consider your plan complete.

As part of the FS's continued review, I will assess your proposed activities to ensure they are authorized by law, reasonable and follow logical progression, and are designed to minimize adverse environmental impacts. Geologist Amy Titterington will be in contact with you to set up



a field visit to discuss your MPO in detail. This review will assist in my determination of whether changes to or additional information is needed.

Once the MPO is determined to meet the requirements of the 36 CFR Subpart A regulations, it will be included into the Forest's program of work. An interdisciplinary (ID) team will be assigned to analyze and disclose the environmental impacts from the proposed activity, as required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). Following completion of the NEPA analysis, you will be required to accept any stipulations the Forest deems necessary to minimize adverse impacts, in addition to posting an acceptable reclamation bond in accordance with 36 CFR 228.

If you have any questions please contact Geologist Amy Titterington at the South Platte Ranger District office, by phone at 719-836-3871, and/or by email at amy.j.titterington@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Brian Banks". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brian" and last name "Banks" clearly distinguishable.

BRIAN BANKS
District Ranger

cc: Elliott Russell; Sheila Cross