



April 21, 2020

Mr. Tim Cazier
Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
1313 Sherman Street, Room 215
Denver, Colorado 80203

Re: Zephyr Gold USA, Dawson Gold Project; CUP 12-003, Application for Major Modification

Ref: Permit # P2020002

Dear Mr. Cazier;

The Royal Gorge Preservation Project (RGPP) is a registered 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization created to protect and to educate the public regarding the value of tourism in the Royal Gorge area as a viable public goal and to preserve the natural beauty of the Royal Gorge region from environmentally destructive human activity.

While numerous concerns continue to exist apart from the reclamation of test pits required in Section M of the original CUP, there are continuing issues which need to be addressed prior to any expansion of this CUP.

- The Fremont County Zoning Resolution clearly requires proof of legal access to the properties to be explored. While this issue has been overlooked and dismissed in the past, Zephyr's lack of legal access cannot be ignored. Two separate property owners (PVK Investments, owner of the Judith Placer and the Jim Merson family, who Zephyr is currently litigating against to gain access to their exploratory territory to the west – the Green Mountain section) have purportedly blocked access to the roads leading to Zephyr's claims because of lack of any legal easement or right-of-way. This has led to civil litigation in both cases. Until both access issues have been decided by the courts, it would be irresponsible to predict that Zephyr will prevail.
- Zephyr appears determined to be predictive of mineral resources; time proximity to physical mining operations; mining permitting; employment projections; etc., in the absence of determinative exploratory results and financial stability.
- Currently, Fremont County has no established procedure in place to monitor and evaluate Zephyr's adherence to the requirements placed on them by the CUP's in effect within the county. This subject was addressed in a meeting between Commissioner Tim Payne and RGPP representatives months earlier this year. Issues regarding Zephyr's past non-compliance with CUP mandates were addressed with Mr. Payne affirming that a mechanism within the county for oversight was lacking.

The RGPP continues to believe that Zephyr has nothing to contribute to this pristine and precious small section of Colorado other than what is in their own self-interest. None of the metals that they seek are critical to the interests of Colorado or the United States. Monies derived as the result of successful exploration would result in precious little distribution to Fremont County and would leave a trail of waste and degradation that would live into perpetuity. It is our hope that DRMS will commit to requiring the Dawson Project to cease operation until it is in complete compliance with the existing CUP and BLM, and that all access issues have been legally determined in court.

Sincerely;

Gary Peterson, Chairman
Royal Gorge Preservation Project



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RGPP Letter Regarding Zephyr Minerals' CUP Expansion Request

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Tim,

The Royal Gorge Preservation Project appreciates your keeping any eye on Zephyr's activities. You are a pro and play by the rules.

Gary Peterson



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