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Re: Public Comments for April 22

Dear Russ,

The Western Small Miners Association is concerned by the attempted intervention by INFORM of your procedures, interpretations, and continued activities of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board. The misrepresentation and attempt to re-define terms and procedures should not be accepted. We support your continued efforts to improve your work and goals with activities such as your current rule-making procedures. Your previous interpretations need to be adhered to for current activities, until such time as revisions have properly been determined. Your continued support of these efforts and recognition of the importance of a healthy and responsible mining industry in the State of Colorado, as stated in the Legislative Declaration of CRS 34-32-102 is imperative. We are blessed with abundant natural resources in the State of Colorado that need to be developed and utilized for the benefit of all and this can be done with the utmost care of our environment. Thank you for your continued support of our work and efforts to provide needed minerals and mine products to enhance our nation and economy.

Respectfully submitted,

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