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**Re: [EXTERNAL] Re: Joe Lovett Succession of Operations (Zimmerman - El Rancho Bondo)**

1 message

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**Sanderson, Amber M** <asanderson@blm.gov>  
To: "tim.cazier" <tim.cazier@state.co.us>

Tue, Sep 8, 2020 at 9:36 AM

Hi Tim,

The 031220 SO Authorized Letter, attached in the below email gives Mr. Lovett right of entry as the Plan of Operations and all reclamation requirements were transferred to him upon the approval of the SO.

BLM does not require an entirely new copy of the Plan of Operations when a SO is received. As long as the SO request contains the new operator's information and is deemed complete then the Plan and reclamation requirements are entirely transferred to the new operator.

Does that make sense? I think Stephanie has mentioned this, but I'm sure to whom.

Thanks

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**From:** Cazier - DNR, Tim <[tim.cazier@state.co.us](mailto:tim.cazier@state.co.us)>  
**Sent:** Friday, September 4, 2020 2:43 PM  
**To:** Sanderson, Amber M <[asanderson@blm.gov](mailto:asanderson@blm.gov)>  
**Subject:** Fwd: [EXTERNAL] Re: Joe Lovett Succession of Operations (Zimmerman - El Rancho Bondo)

Hi Amber,

I just left you a voicemail. I'm trying to confirm Joe Lovett has legal right of entry to the El Rancho Bondo site for mining and reclamation. We typically consider an approved PoO or NOI from the BLM or USFS when the site is on federally managed land. I'm not seeing in the documents you sent me on July 1 (attached) any direct confirmation Mr. Lovett is the "holder" of the PoO. Can you steer me in the right direction?.

Tim Cazier, P.E.  
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El Rancho Bond Claim  
Attn: Joe Lovett  
507 Greenwood Ave.  
Canon City, CO 81212

Dear Mr. Lovett,

BLM received a Succession of Operators application on March 03, 2020 for the El Rancho Bondo mining operations located in Township 18 South, Range 71 West, Section 18 in Fremont County, CO. BLM has reviewed the Succession of Operator and found it complete, following a review of the application and receiving the required financial requirement of \$2,219, per 43 CFR 3809.551 regs.

According to our records, the Plan of Operations submitted for mining activities at this location was initially analyzed under the Environmental Assessment (EA) number DOI-BLM-CO-F02-2014-0001-EA and authorized by BLM on July 09, 2015. A modification to the Plan of Operations to include dredging operations, was analyzed under DOI-BLM-CO-F020-2018-0041-EA and authorized on November 20, 2019.

BLM last inspected the above operations on March 03, 2020. Once your reclamation bond is posted and the current bond is released to Thomas Zimmerman, a baseline inspection will be conducted to document all mining related disturbance and any interim reclamation.

As the new operator, you are obligated to coordinate with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (CDRMS) and any other Federal, State or county agencies regarding the appropriate paperwork required to transfer any mining related bonds, permits, easements, leases, etc.

Please contact Stephanie Carter at 719-269-8551 if you have any questions regarding this letter.

Sincerely,

Keith E. Berger  
Field Manager  
Royal Gorge Field Office

cc: Tim Cazier, Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety