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Jeff Carter SSG Mining, Inc. 15954 Jackson Ck Pkwy B281 Monument, CO 80132

Dear Mr. Carter:

This letter is to acknowledge receipt of your Lombard #3 Mine Plan of Operations (POO) in accordance with the Forest Service (FS) mining regulations at 36 CFR 228.5(a). The POO is dated January 26, 2021 and was received on January 26, 2021 by the Clear Creek Ranger District, Arapaho National Forest.

The Lombard #3 Mine POO outlines your intent to conduct exploration work on the Lombard #3 claim located in the Alice-Yankee Hill Mining District, T. 3 S., R. 74 W. Section 1, 6th P.M. The POO described activities including:

- Use of existing roads (Cumberland Gulch Road, FSR 271.1)
- Excavation to open adit
- Installation of new gate at adit opening
- Underground operations include removal of material for testing and sampling

An interdisciplinary (ID) team conducted an initial analysis of the plan on February 11, 2021 to disclose the environmental impacts from the proposed activity, as required under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). It was determined that a site visit and survey will need to be done to complete the environmental review. The site needs to be accessible and clear of snow to complete survey work. In accordance with the Forest Service (FS) mining regulations at 36 CFR 228.5(a) the plan has been reviewed, but more time, not to exceed an additional sixty (60) days, is necessary to complete such review, provided however, days during which the area of operations is inaccessible for inspection shall not be included when computing the sixty (60) day period. For the adit closing, a bat gate may need to be installed and specifications have been provided for your initial review. 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 228.13.

If you have any questions or once the site is accessible, please contact Nicole Malandri, Lands and Mineral Staff at the Clear Creek Ranger District, by phone at 720-667-9280, and/or by email at <u>nicole.malandri@usda.gov</u> to schedule a field visit with staff.

Sincerely,

SCOTT E. HAAS District Ranger

Enc: Bat Gate Specifications cc: Peter Hays, Colorado DRMS; Cyndie Ruschmyer, Clear Creek County







