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## RE: Roosevelt Tunnel, File # P-2021-012, NOI Application Terminated, Determined Not Prospecting

Mr. Calvert:

The Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (Division) has reviewed your Notice of Intent to Conduct Prospecting Operations for Hard Rock/Metal Mines (NOI) application, file # P-2021-012, for the Roosevelt Tunnel. Based on the information received, the Division has determined that the activities proposed are not prospecting as defined by the *Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Act*, *C.R.S.* 34-32-103(12).

Pursuant to C.R.S. 34-32-103(12) "Prospecting" means the act of searching for or investigating a mineral deposit. "Prospecting" includes, but is not limited to, sinking shafts, tunneling, drilling core and bore holes and digging pits or cuts and other works for the purpose of extracting samples prior to commencement of development or extraction operations, and the building of roads, access ways, and other facilities related to such work. The term does not include those activities which cause no or very little surface disturbance, such as airborne surveys and photographs, use of instruments or devices which are hand carried or otherwise transported over the surface to make magnetic, radioactive, or other tests and measurements, boundary or claim surveying, location work, or other work which causes no greater land disturbance than is caused by ordinary lawful use of the land by persons not prospecting. The term also does not include any single activity which results in the disturbance of a single block of land totaling one thousand six hundred (1,600) square feet or less of the land's surface, not to exceed two (2) such disturbances per acre; except that the cumulative total of such disturbances will not exceed five (5) acres statewide in any prospecting operation extending over twenty–four (24) consecutive months.

Your application proposes mapping existing underground workings accessed through an existing adit. The application states that there would be no surface disturbance and that less than 100 pounds of chip samples would be extracted from the underground workings. The equipment proposed to be used would be limited to hand carried instruments or devices causing no surface disturbance. Based on this information the Division has determined that this is not "Prospecting" and does not require an NOI through our office. Therefore, your NOI application has been terminated.

Please be advised that this determination is based on the information provided in your application. Any significant deviation from the described activity that includes activities described under the



"Prospecting" definition may require an NOI. Additionally, the activities proposed in your application would occur on USFS lands and may require authorization from USFS.

If you require additional information, or have questions or concerns, please contact me.

Sincerely,

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