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On January 4, 2022, the San Juan National Forest (SJNF) received your letter with the subject *Twin Canyon, File No. P-2021-018, Notice of Intent to Conduct Prospecting Operations (NOI), Request for Concurrence* regarding the reclamation cost estimate for the proposed exploration drilling operation that would be conducted on unpatented mining claims in the La Plata Mountains in Montezuma and La Plata Counties, Colorado.

The project has been the subject of review under the National Environmental Policy Act conducted by the SJNF's Dolores Ranger District over the past year. The project would involve drilling up to 9 drill exploration drill holes, creating a laydown area, and the use of existing SJNF, federal, state, and undesignated existing routes for access. Limited development of temporary overland travel alignments would also be required.

SJNF minerals and geology staff discussed the reclamation cost estimate and the factors used to calculate it with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety and found that the \$18,104.00 cost estimate is sufficient to cover the cost to government to completely reclaim disturbance that would be caused by implementation of the exploration drilling Plan of Operations.

This letter provides concurrence from the SJNF to the CDRMS on the amount of the financial warranty. If you have any questions, please contact James Blair, acting SJNF minerals and geology staff at (970) 749-6714 or James.Blair2@usda.gov.

Sincerely,



Recoverable Signature

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Signed by: DEREK PADILLA
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District Ranger



Enclosures: CDRMS Req. for Conc. & Recl. Cost Est. Worksheets CC: Gabe Sweet, Big Rock Exploration (via email)