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Robert Congdon
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Dear Mr. Congdon,

This letter addresses your Freedom Eagle Quarry plan of operation (Plan) for proposed mining activities which includes the White Banks through White Banks 9 unpatented mining claims located in Section 28, Township 9 South, Range 88 West in the Avalanche Creek drainage on the Aspen/Sopris Ranger District, White River National Forest.

I have determined the revised Plan received on January 25, 2022, is consistent with the requirements of the regulations at 36 CFR 228.4(c). The duration and level of surface disturbance of the activities outlined in your proposal are within the scope analyzed under the previous FONSI/DN signed in 2013. My team of resource specialists concurred that there were no changed conditions between 2013 and present day.

I will provide you with subsequent correspondence that outlines the process required for your Plan authorization, which will include any stipulations or mitigation measures requirements that might be necessary, as well as a status update of the mineral classification. I will also initiate a bond review with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety.

As a reminder, you are responsible for obtaining any other permits that may be required under other applicable laws and regulations for the proposed activities.

Please contact me if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,

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Signed by: Department of Agriculture
KEVIN WARNER
District Ranger

cc: Walt Brown, Amy Yeldell

