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Dear Mr. West:

On June 28, 2022, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Tres Rios Field Office (TRFO) received your letter with the subject "*Sunday Mine Complex Topaz Mine Monitoring Well Construction, File No. P-2022-010, Notice of Intent to Conduct Prospecting Operations (NOI), Request for Concurrence*". The specific purpose for this request is the reclamation cost estimate for the proposed monitoring well associated with the Sunday Mine Complex, located in San Miguel County, Colorado. The monitoring well is being appended to the existing West Sunday Plan of Operations, serial number COC-52049. The total reclamation cost for this specific action is estimated at \$10,899.

As we understand it, the project would involve drilling a single monitoring well, approximately 600 feet deep with a 6.75 in bore hole diameter. Ground disturbance is estimated at approximately 0.1 acres, and is anticipated to take a week or less, beginning some time on or after July 11<sup>th</sup>.

The project has been reviewed by the Tres Rios Field Office and would not cause undue and/or unnecessary degradation of public lands as defined by 43 CFR 3809.5. The amount of the reclamation cost estimate is based on the operator complying with all applicable operating cost requirements outlined in the regulations at 43 CFR 3809.40. BLM 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 cost estimate is sufficient to cover the cost to government

to reclaim disturbance that would be caused by implementation of the monitoring well drilling proposal.

This letter provides concurrence from the BLM to the CDRMS on the amount of the financial warranty, and also serves as acknowledgement of legal right of entry for PRM to conduct this activity. If you have any questions, please contact James Blair, TRFO Geologist at (970) 749-6714 or [jblair@blm.gov](mailto:jblair@blm.gov).

Sincerely,

Acting for  
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