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Dear Mr. West:

On April 20, 2023, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Tres Rios Field Office (TRFO) received your letter with the subject *Stateline Exploratory Drilling Project, File No. P-2022-018, 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 Stateline area of western San Miguel County Colorado. The project was assigned the BLM serial number COC-80915. The total estimated reclamation cost is estimated at \$13,888.00.

The project would involve drilling six drill exploration drill holes on six drill pads, creating a laydown area, and the use of existing County and BLM roads, along with pre-existing two-track spurs not part of the County or BLM road systems. Limited overland travel alignments would also be required.

The project has been reviewed by the Field Office and we have found that it contains all of the information required by 43 CFR 3809.301 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 as outlined in the Notice and 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 notice level drilling proposal.

This letter provides concurrence from the BLM to the CDRMS on the amount of the financial warranty. If you have any questions, please contact Ryan Joyner, TRFO Assistant Field Manager for Lands and Minerals at (970) 385-6289 or rjoyner@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

Derek Padilla
Field Manager

Enclosure(s)

1 – Term Grazing Permit