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Subject: Concerning Structure for Cultural Resources

Mr. Beresford:

I am contacting you regarding listing structures on Cultural Resources designation for structures on the JD -5 mine at 30319 DD 19 Road, Naturita, CO. Attached is a Technical Revision, dated July 31, 2013. On page 3, 2<sup>nd</sup> paragraph, it refers to a "BLM recommendation that the BLM has recommended in 1994 that some mining features are of historical significance. Accordingly, the steel headframe and man-skip should be retained on site at Final Reclamation as a matter of historical significance."

This may very well be the largest headframe and hoist assembly in the continental United States. Acknowledging that it currently is 3 years below the 50-year qualification, but does fit under the uniqueness waiver, I would contend that the hoist house and hoist assembly should be considered. This property is part of the Uranium Leasing Program and the lease itself is beyond the 50-year window.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,



Don Coram

Gold Eagle Mining, Inc.

Sent by US Mail and electronically.



# COLORADO DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY

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## REOUEST FOR TECHNICAL REVISION (TR) COVER SHEET 1977-248JD-5

Mine File No.: M-\_\_\_\_\_ Site Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Montrose

(DRMS Use only)

County MONTROSE TR# \_\_\_\_\_

Don Coram

Permittee: Gold Eagle Mining Inc.

Operator (If Other than Permittee): \_\_\_\_\_

Permittee Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

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DIVISION OF  
RECLAMATION

MINING & SAFETY Please provide a brier description of the proposed revision: \_\_\_\_\_

A Technical Revision (TR) is being sought to support Final Reclamation of the JD-5 Mine.  
~~The TR application (see attached) modifies the original plan, as noted, in order to reflect~~  
current conditions.

As defined by the Minerals Rules, a Technical Revision (TR) is: 'Ca change in the permit or application which docs not have more than a minor effect upon the approved or proposed Reclamation or Environmental Protection Plan.' The Division is charged with determining if the revision as submitted meets this definition. If the Division determines that the proposed revision is beyond the scope of a TR, the Division may require the submittal of a permit amendment to make the required or desired changes to the permit.

The request for a TR is not considered "filed for review" until the appropriate fee is received by the Division (as listed below by permit type). Please submit the appropriate fee with your request to expedite the review process. After the TR is submitted with the appropriate fee, the Division will determine if it is approvable within 30 days. If the Division requires additional information to approve a TR, you will be notified of specific deficiencies that will need to be addressed. If at the end of the 30 day review period there are still outstanding deficiencies, the Division must deny the TR unless the permittee requests additional time, in writing, to provide the required information.

There is no pre-defined format for the submittal of a TR; however, it is up to the permittee to provide sufficient information to the Division to approve the TR request, including updated mining and reclamation plan maps that accurately depict the changes proposed in the requested TR.

Required Fees for Technical Revision by Permit Type - Please mark the correct fee and submit it with your request for a Technical Revision.

Permit Type	I IOC, I I I, I	I	1 12d(1. 2 or3)	Required TR Fee
12 construction materials, and 112 quarries				<input type="checkbox"/>
12 hard rock (not DMO)				<input type="checkbox"/>
Technical Revision Application-JD-5 Mine DRMS Permit M-1977-248				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## 1.0 Introduction

The JD-5 Mine contains one primary shaft to the underground workings, and a ventilation shaft which had served as the secondary escape-way for the mine. The primary shaft is 16 feet in diameter and is safeguarded by heavy gauge steel mesh welded to a framework and anchored to a concrete collar. There is a steel head frame above the shaft outfitted with ducts for ventilation, and a skip capable of lifting and discharging ore and for lifting personnel. The hoist cable is intact and extends to the nearby hoist house. The ventilation shafts are approximately 4 feet in diameter. The gating in the main shaft and secondary escape-way prevents material in-fall and unauthorized access. In addition, there are several stockpiles of overburden or waste rock, old wood & steel ore bins, wood cribbing, and ore pads.

## 2.0 Reclamation Plan Commitments

The reclamation plan(s) submitted to the DMRS are those outlined in the original Gates and Fox Application (Gates and Fox, 1976). The reclamation needs identified at that time included the following:

a) Sealing of Portals

"At the termination of the operation of this tract, steel doors made of steel sheathing will be used to cover the shafts".

b) Removal of Structures and Cleanup

"All structures placed in this tract by Gates and Fox Company, Inc. will be removed and cleanup will be made. It must be understood that the present time there are structures on this tract which were left by the operators of the Mineral Joe No. 4 Incline, and if any justifiable leveling or contouring is necessary Gates and Fox Company, Inc. will comply".

c) Disposition of Mine Waste (Contouring Leveling. Use for Backfill. etc.)

"As stated previously, mine wastes will be stored on the old waste dump from the Mineral Joe 4 Incline, and if any justifiable leveling or contouring is necessary Gates and Fox Company Inc., will comply".

### 3.0 Proposed Reclamation Plan

The final reclamation plan for the JD-5 Mine is intended to comply with the requirements of the original proposal prepared by Gates and Fox Company Inc. The current plan and modifications based on site conditions at this time are outlined in Table I-Final Reclamation Plan and Activity.

Table I-Final Reclamation Plan and Activities

Reclamation Components	Planned Reclamation Activities
Sealing of Portals	<p>-The mine shaft and ventilation/escape-way have been provided with steel mesh closures to prohibit access to the Mine. The mesh gating at the main shaft will be augmented with additional mesh to assure final security as suggested by the May 16, 2013 Division inspection.</p> <p>- The Department of Energy (DOE) prefers that the openings be left available for future use and have stated their preference to leave these structures at Final Reclamation.</p> <p>-Gold Eagle Mining Inc. has submitted a letter to DOE requesting DOE to confirm their preference in writing (see attached).</p> <p>Gold Eagle Mining Inc. is awaiting DOE's response and will transmit DOE's determination to DRMS once it has been received.</p>
Removal of Structures and Cleanup	<p>-BLM has recommended in 1994 that some mining features are of historical significance. Accordingly, the steel head-frame and man-skip should be retained onsite at Final Reclamation as a matter of historical significance. -The Department of Energy (DOE) prefers that the steel head-frame and man-skip be retained onsite at final reclamation in accordance with BLM's recommendation.</p> <p>-Gold Eagle Mining Inc. has submitted a letter to DOE requesting DOE to confirm their preference in writing (see attached).</p> <p>-Gold Eagle Mining Inc. is awaiting DOE's response and will transmit DOE's determination to DRMS once it has been received.</p> <p>-The hoist house, old wood &amp; steel ore bins, wood cribbing and ore pads will be removed from the JD-5 Mine and disposed at an approved solid waste landfill.</p>
Disposition of Waste	<p>-Overburden and waste rock piles have been in place for many decades and have been successfully re-vegetated by volunteer native cover. While the piles exceed the original reclamation plan requirements for slope, they have been observed to be sufficiently stable by the DRMS. For this reason redistribution for slope control is not considered appropriate.</p> <p>-A small volume of overburden material may be strategically taken from the piles onsite to cover the ore bin. This will be done in a manner that protects slope stability and minimizes any disturbance of the existing vegetative cover.</p>
Site Grading and Contouring	<p>-The wooden cribbing loading site will be contoured to fit in with the surrounding terrain.</p> <p>- If site reclamation activities create disturbances, such disturbances will be contoured to grade to fit surrounding terrain</p>
Weed Control	<p>-Noxious weed control has been successful at the JD-5 with annual application of spray by the operator.</p> <p>-The site will be monitored subsequent to final reclamation in order to determine the need for additional spraying of disturbances which may result from reclamation activities.</p>
Re-Vegetation	<p>-Currently the JD-5 does not require re-vegetation.</p> <p>-A site inspection will be conducted annually subsequent to reclamation in order to determine the need for additional planting. If planting is necessary the seed mix will be approved by the DRMS prior to planting.</p>

#### 4.0 Reclamation Schedule

The DOE has stated in a letter dated October 26, 2011 that Judge William J. Martinez issued an opinion that the Defendants (DOE) "are hereby enjoined from approving any activity on lands governed by the ULMP, including exploration, drilling, mining and reclamation activities". In accordance with the Courts opinion Gold Eagle Mining Inc. is unable to initiate reclamation by October 1, 2013 as indicated in the Divisions Inspection Report of May 16, 2013.

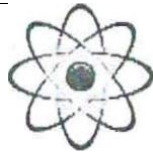
In addition and on February 27, 2012, the Court amended the injunction to allow the agencies "to conduct only those activities on ULMP lands that are absolutely necessary". The amended injunction further

addresses those emergencies as identified in Paragraph 5 (f) — that are "absolutely necessary to remediate dangers to the public health, safety, and environment on ULMP lands caused by major storm events, acts of vandalism, or land subsidence". For this reason, we are requesting that DOE provide a letter stating that the reclamation work is prohibited at this time since this work is not caused by any emergencies or is an imminent danger as defined by the amended injunction.

Based upon the above DOE restrictions, Golden Eagle Mining Inc. will initiate reclamation after all matters have been resolved by DOE relative to the outstanding PEIS for DOE properties and programs. Gold Eagle Mining Inc. has requested a letter from DOE re-stating this prohibition (See Attached) and will transmit DOE's letter to DRMS upon receipt. The schedule below is based on timing predicated on DOE successfully completing the PEIS which remains in-process.

Table 2-Final Reclamation Schedule

Reclamation Activity	Schedule
Sealin of Portals	First Spring to Fall Period Subsequent To DOE Release
Removal of Structure (Hoist House)	First Spring to Fall Period Subsequent To DOE Release
Disposition of Waste	First Spring to Fall Period Subsequent To DOE Release
Site Grading and Contouring	First Fall Period Subsequent To DOE Release
Weed Control	Spring or Summer Following Reclamation
Re-vegetation	First Fall Subsequent To All Disturbances



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RECLAMATION MINING & SAFETY

Re: DOE Uranium Lease Reclamation Schedule and Requirements JD-5  
Mine, Burros Mine, Ellison Mine and Hawkeye Mine

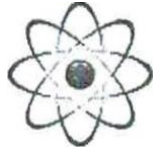
Dear Ms. Kilpatrick,

It has been determined by the Colorado Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety (DRMS) that the above-captioned properties are not eligible for Temporary Cessation. Because Gold Eagle Mining Inc. has chosen not to develop Environmental Protection Plans DRMS is requiring Gold Eagle Mining Inc. to submit current reclamation plans and schedules by August 1, 2013. It is also DRMS's desire that reclamation begin by October 1, 2013.

As you are aware, Judge William J. Martinez has issued an opinion on October 26, 2011 that states at Conclusion (4) the "Defendants [DOE] are hereby enjoined from approving any activities on lands governed by the ULMP, including exploration, drilling, mining and reclamation activities". The court, on February 27, 2012, amended the injunction to allow the agencies "to conduct only those activities on ULMP lands that are absolutely necessary". The amended injunction further addresses those emergencies as identified in Paragraph 5 (f) — that are "absolutely necessary to remediate dangers to the public health, safety, and environment on ULMP lands caused by major storm events, acts of vandalism, or land subsidence". For this reason, we are requesting that DOE provide a letter stating that the reclamation work is prohibited at this time since this work is not caused by any emergencies or is an imminent danger as defined by the amended injunction.

We have attached the proposed reclamation plans (which are being provided to DMRS) for your review. The plan schedules have been predicated on DOE's successful completion of the PEIS process, absent further litigation. In this regard, we are requesting DOE's agreement with the plans. Some of the originally planned reclamation activities have been modified to: 1) allow future access to the mines via portals and ventilation shafts, and 2) leave in-place certain historical equipment and mining features. BLM studies conducted in 1994 support retaining the historical significance of some mining features (e.g. head frames, wooden cribbing etc.).

Given the above matter, please provide a letter supporting the prohibition of reclamation until the PEIS process is complete, and your determination that noted mining features are to be retained on these properties for historical significance in accordance with BLM's 1994 study in this regard.



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If you should have any questions or require additional information please contact me.

Sincerely,  


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