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RE: P-2023-018 Slick Rock Request for Concurrence – BLM Concurrence

Dear Mr. West:

On January 4, 2024, the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Tres Rios Field Office (TRFO) received your email with the subject *P-2023-018 Slick Rock Request for Concurrence*, regarding the reclamation cost estimate for the proposed exploration drilling operations for the Slick Rock Notice (CO106332662), that would be conducted on unpatented mining claims in the Slick Rock area of San Miguel County Colorado. The total estimated reclamation cost is \$25,406.

The project would involve drilling 20 exploration drill holes on 20 drill pads and using overland travel to minimize disturbance.

The project has been reviewed by the TRFO and has been determined to contain all of the information required by 43 CFR 3809.301 and not cause undue and/or unnecessary degradation of public lands as defined by 43 CFR 3809.420. 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 3809.552. BLM discussed the reclamation cost estimate and the factors used to calculate it with the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (CDRMS) 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 Bridget Wade, TRFO Geologist at (970) 385-1342 or bcwade@blm.gov.

Sincerely,

Derek Padilla
Field Manager