



January 24, 2024

Mr. Lucas West
Environmental Protection Specialist
Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety
1313 Sherman St. Room 215
Denver, CO 80203

RE: West Sunday Mine Permit M-1981-021 Operations

Dear Mr. West,

Western Water & Land, Inc. (WWL), as consultant to Pinon Ridge Mining LLC (PRM), is providing this letter as notification to the Colorado Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (DRMS) of PRM's intention to commence mining operations at the West Sunday Mine, Permit M-1981-021. The West Sunday Mine is designated as a 112d-3 mine operation. The mine is listed as Active, however, operations at the mine have been idle while PRM focused on underground development at the Sunday Mine, located approximately 1.25-miles to the southeast.

Recent mining activity at the Sunday Mine Complex has involved mining of uranium ore and underground stockpiling of this ore. As part of this activity, PRM is driving a 2,700-ft drift in the area between the St. Jude Mine and West Sunday Mine. To most efficiently implement this mining activity, PRM will utilize the West Sunday Mine portal and surface facilities.

Operations at the West Sunday Mine will consist of restoration of power and ventilation to the underground and surface facilities. Underground mining will occur within the West Sunday Mine, and haulage of mined waste rock will occur from the West Sunday Mine portal. Deposition of this waste rock will be within the existing waste rock development area at the mine. Power and ventilation will be restored to the West Sunday Mine workings and an existing surface building that accommodates an office, shop and dry room. A portable Conex container will be staged on site and the existing water tank will be put into service.

The West Sunday Mine portal will also be used as an active escapeway for ongoing mine operations at the Sunday Mine Complex, which includes the Sunday Mine, Carnation Mine, St. Jude Mine, and West Sunday Mine. Underground workings between these four mines are interconnected.

The waste rock development area at the West Sunday Mine will be monitored closely so as to stay in compliance with the mine permit area and existing plan of operations.

Please contact me at 970-242-0170 (office) or 970-270-6216 (mobile) with any questions or concerns you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bruce D. Smith". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Bruce" being the most prominent.

Bruce D. Smith, P.G.
Principal Hydrogeologist
WESTERN WATER & LAND, INC.

cc: George Glasier, CEO, Pinon Ridge Mining LLC
Mike Rutter, COO, Pinon Ridge Mining LLC