

February 12, 2024

Agreement to Accept Structure Agreement Substitute

RE: Yankee Gulch Minerals Project, File M-1999-002, Structure Agreements

Amy,

I have reviewed your memo outlining the issues with difficulties gaining access agreements for a Succession of Operator (SO) for Yankee Gulch back to the original operator. A suggested alternative due to the size and nature of the project and the fact it is in full reclamation is a notarized stipulated agreement or affidavit.

I am approving the alternative to the structure agreements provided the affidavit notes the new operator acknowledges:

1. The site is in full reclamation and no further disturbances are planned.
2. No disturbances of any kind within 200 feet of the affected lands boundary unless approved in writing by the Division, which will include a completed Structure Agreement or a geo-technical Evaluation.
3. Affidavit must be notarized or electronically signed by appropriate representative.

Please convey to the operator these conditions and provide this documentation along with the signed affidavit with the SO packet.

Russ Means
Minerals Program Director