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## M2025022, Ajax 1 Mine, Incomplete Application - reminder

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Leigh,

To confirm, the 2 deficiencies that were listed and agreed upon in the end is the representation contract, and the page 7 certification page correct?

All other items were agreed they were considered complete with the application, Plan of Operations approved by the NFS, and other exhibits correct?

I have attached all of the other documents just in case.



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On Mon, Jun 23, 2025 at 11:32 AM Kiel Schleusner <info@candymountainprospecting.com> wrote: Good morning Leigh,

I have attached the contracts showing that I (Kiel Schleusner/Candy Mountain Mining Company Inc.) are representing and have been representing Mr. Mike Boss.

I am having Mr. Boss redo page 7 certification with the notary. I will have this back to you within the next couple days. [Quoted text hidden] [Quoted text hidden]

4 attachments

LEGAL LAND EXHIBIT A.pdf 6052K 110dDMOApp (1).pdf

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- BOSSPLANOFOPS (signed)-reducedsize.pdf 3922K



## Legal Claim Description

## Ajax 1 Placer Claim

## EXHIBIT A - Legal Description and Location Map

The said placer Mining Claim is located in the following Half Section(s), Quarter-Section(s), Section(s), Township(s), Range(s) and Meridian:

| 1/4 Section              | Section | Township | Range | Meridian |
|--------------------------|---------|----------|-------|----------|
| (DISCOV) NW ¼<br>SE ¼    | 027     | 002S     | 0730W | 6th PM   |
| (NW CRNR 1) NW<br>¼ NE ¼ | 027     | 002S     | 0730W | 6th PM   |
| (NE CRNR 2) NW ¼<br>NE ¼ | 027     | 002S     | 0730W | 6th PM   |
| (SE CRNR 3) SW ¼<br>NE ¼ | 027     | 002S     | 0730W | 6th PM   |
| (SW CRNR 4)SW ¼<br>NE ¼  | 027     | 002S     | 0730W | 6th PM   |

The NW corner monument of said Placer mining claim is located 1,807 Ft 35 degrees East-Southeast from the corner of the NW corner of Section 30 at the NW tie in point. NW Corner Monument #1 is located in Section 30 in Township 002S, Range 0730W, 6<sup>th</sup> Prime Meridian. Going 660 feet East 87 degrees from NW Corner Monument #1 to NE Corner Monument #2, Then South 20 degrees 1320 feet to SE Corner Monument #3, Then heading 85 degrees West 660 feet to SW Corner Monument #4, from SW Corner Monument #4 heading North 10 degrees 1320 feet returning to NW Corner Monument #1

The described placer mining claim is roughly 1,320 feet long by 660 feet wide on the South and East claim boundaries, and 1320 feet in length along the Northern claim boundary and the West boundary being 660 feet on a compass heading direction of NNW 10 degrees.

The surface claims 477.10 feet in a north direction and 842.90 feet in a south direction from the discovery point at which this Location Notice is posted with 219.9 feet to the East and 440.10 feet in the West direction of the discovery point. The general course of the placer deposits is by compass heading direction North 360 degrees.

















DIVISION OF RECLAMATION, MINING AND SAFETY Department of Natural Resources

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## DESIGNATED MINING LIMITED IMPACT (110d) OPERATION RECLAMATION PERMIT APPLICATION PACKAGE

#### APPLICABILITY:

This application package is for a Designated Mining Operation (DMO) affecting <u>less</u> than 10 acres <u>and</u> extracting <u>LESS</u> than 70,000 tons of mineral, overburden or combination of the two per calendar year and uses or stores designated chemicals or acid-producing materials in its production process or has the potential to produce acid mine drainage. If you plan to conduct a mining operation which meets these criteria, please follow the instructions provided in this package, and Rules 1.4.1, 1.4.2, 6.0, 7.0, and 8.0 in the Mineral Rules and Regulations, as required. Please see Rule 1.1(12) for the definition of "Designated Mining" operation.

## FILING REQUIREMENTS:

The Mineral Rules and Regulations (the Mined Land Reclamation Act, Section 34-32-101, <u>et seq</u>. C.R.S., and 2 CCR 407-1) of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board (the "Board") regulate the permitting, operational, and reclamation requirements for all non-coal mining operations in Colorado. It is your obligation to comply with the Act and Regulations. You are encouraged to obtain and review a copy of the Rules, available for \$8.00 from the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (the "Office"). In order to submit your application properly, it is recommended that you review the Act, and;

| Rule 1.1    | Definitions;  |
|-------------|---|
| Rule 1.4.1  | General Provisions of the Application Review and Consideration Process; |
| Rule 1.4.2  | Specific Requirements for Limited Impact Designated Mining Operations;  |
| Rule 1.5    | Fees;   |
| Rule 1.6    | Public Notice Procedures;   |
| Rule 3.1    | Reclamation Performance Standards;                                      |
| Rule 3.3.1  | Operating without a Permit - Penalty;                                   |
| Rule 4      | Performance Warranties and Financial Warranties;                        |
| Rule 6      | Permit Application Exhibit Requirements;                                |
| Rule 6.2    | General Requirements of Exhibits;                                       |
| Rule 6.3    | Specific Permit Application Exhibit Requirements;                       |
| Rule 6.4.20 | Exhibit T - Environmental Protection Plan;                              |
| Rule 6.5    | Geotechnical Stability Exhibit;   |
| Rule 7      | Designated Mining Operations; and,                                      |
| Rule 8      | Emergency Response Plan for Designated Mining Operations                |

To apply for a Reclamation Permit for a Limited Impact Designated Mining Operation, one (1) signed and notarized completed <u>Gray-Original</u> and one (1) copy of the Limited Impact (110d) Designated Mining Operation Application Form, two (2) copies of Exhibits A-J, Exhibit L, Exhibit T, the Geotechnical Stability Exhibit, the Emergency Response Plan, and Addendum 1 - Notice requirements (described in Rule 1.6.2(1)(b), an example of this notice is attached for your use), as required, and outlined in Rules 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4.20, 6.5, 8.0, and 1.6.2(1)(b), and an application fee <u>MUST</u> be submitted to the Office. The thirty (30) day period for review of the application and exhibits will <u>NOT</u> begin until all required information is submitted. The Office will then review the submitted information for adequacy.

It is recommended that you contact the agencies listed under "<u>Compliance With Other Laws</u>" prior to submitting the application to the Office . You <u>MUST</u> send a notice, on a form approved by the Board, to the local board of county commissioners, and if the mining operation is within the boundaries of a conservation district, to the board of supervisors of the conservation district, <u>PRIOR</u> to filing the application. A copy of these "Notice of Filing Application" forms have been attached for your use. You <u>MUST</u> include two (2) copies of proof of mailings with the application at the time the application is submitted to the Office for filing (Rules 1.6.2 and 1.6.3).

Upon filing the application, place for public review a copy of the application, less confidential items, with the clerk and recorder of the county or counties in which the affected land is located. Any changes or additions made to an application submittal <u>MUST</u> be filed with the county clerk and recorder. You <u>MUST</u> also provide the Office with an affidavit or receipt demonstrating that the change was filed with the county clerk and recorder no later than the close of business on the day the change was filed with the Office (Rule 1.8.1). The copy of the application and any changes or additions placed at the office of the county clerk and recorder shall <u>NOT</u> be recorded, but shall be retained there for at least sixty (60) days after a decision on the application by the Office and be available for inspection during this period. At the end of this period, the application may be reclaimed by the applicant or destroyed (Rule 1.6.2(2)).

<u>PRIOR</u> to the Office making an approval decision (consideration of the application), you <u>MUST</u> submit proof of publication and proof of all required notices. Proof of notice may be by submitting return receipts of a certified mailing or by proof of personal service (Rule 1.6.1(f)).

#### APPLICATION REVIEW PROCEDURES:

The Office shall approve or deny the application within thirty (30) days of filing unless the date for consideration by the Office is extended pursuant to Rule 1.8. The time for consideration shall not be extended beyond thirty (30) days after the last such change submitted. For complex applications, the review period may be extended an additional sixty (60) days. Please see Rule 1.1(9) for the definition of what may constitute a complex application.

If the requirements of the Act and Mineral Rules have been satisfied, the Office will approve the application. The Act also provides for automatic approval if no action is taken by the Office by the end of the review period.

If the Act and Regulation requirements have not been satisfied, the Office will deny the application. If the Office denies the application, you may appeal to the Board for a final determination by submitting a written request for administrative appeal to the Board within 60 days of the decision date. (Rule 1.4.7)

#### NOTICE REQUIREMENTS:

Within ten (10) days after filing, mail or personally serve a copy of the notice described in Rule 1.6.2(1)(c) to all owners of record of surface rights to the affected land and all owners of record of lands that are within 200 feet of the boundary of the affected land (Rule 1.6.2(1)(d)(I) and (ii). In addition, you must publish once in a newspaper of general circulation, in the locality of the proposed mining operation, the notice described in Rule 1.6.2(1)(c). A copy of a form which includes all required information for the notice has been attached for your use. You will need to provide the Office proof of notice <u>PRIOR</u> to the decision date. Proof of notice may be by submitting return receipts of a certified mailing or by proof of personal service (Rules 1.4.1(4), 1.4.2(4)(c) and 1.6.2(1)(d)).

#### PERFORMANCE AND FINANCIAL WARRANTIES:

A performance warranty and a financial warranty, in an amount determined as a part of the application review, must be submitted and approved by the Office <u>PRIOR</u> to permit issuance. If the applicant is a unit of state or county government, then <u>ONLY</u> a performance warranty is required. Several different types of financial warranties are allowed by the law. Please review Rule 4.0 to determine which type of financial warranty you desire to use. You may obtain the appropriate forms from the Office during the application review period. A financial warranty should <u>NOT</u> be submitted until a decision on the application has been made. Please note that an application approval <u>DOES NOT</u> convey a right to begin operations. You <u>MUST</u> submit, and have approval of your performance and financial warranties, and receive your copy of the signed permit document <u>PRIOR</u> to beginning on-site mining activity.

## PERMIT APPROVAL:

An applicant will <u>NOT</u> be issued a reclamation permit until notified by the Office that this application <u>and</u> the required performance and financial warranties have been approved. Alternatively, an automatic approval will occur where the Office fails to notify the applicant/operator that the application has been denied. This decision must be made thirty (30) calendar days from the date the application was submitted. However, the performance and financial warranties must be submitted and approved by the Office before the permit will be issued even if you receive an automatic approval. NO MINING OPERATIONS SHALL BEGIN UNTIL A PERMIT IS ISSUED (Rule 4.1(2)).

#### COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS:

Compliance with the Act and Rules and Regulations of the Mined Land Reclamation Board <u>DOES NOT</u> relieve you of your responsibility to comply with all other applicable state and federal laws (Sections 34-32-115(4)(c) and 34-32-109(5), C.R.S. 1984, as amended). At a minimum, you <u>MUST</u> contact the following agencies to determine whether you need to comply with their legal requirements:

- The Colorado State Historical Preservation Office regarding properties of historical significance including the need for an archeological survey, procedures for requesting a file search, and inventory forms to identify structures.
- o Colorado Division of Water Resources with regard to the administration of water rights;
- o Colorado Department of Health, Water Quality Control Division, with regard to the discharge of pollutants into the waters of the State;
- o Colorado Department of Health, Air Pollution Control Division, with regard to the need for a fugitive dust permit;
- o U.S. Bureau of Land Management or the U.S. Forest Service if the proposed operation will occur on federal lands;
- o U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding a dredge and fill (404) permit; and
- The County Planning Department for the county or counties in which your proposed operation is located. Section 34-32-109(6), C.R.S., requires a mining operator to be responsible for assuring that the mining operation and the post-mining land use comply with local land use regulations and any master plan for extraction adopted pursuant to Section 34-1-304, C.R.S.

## NOTE TO COMMENTORS/OBJECTORS:

It is likely there will be additions, changes, and deletions to this document prior to final decision by the Office. Therefore, if you have any comments or concerns you must contact the applicant or the Office prior to the decision date so that you will know what changes may have been made to the application document.

The Office is not allowed to consider comments, unless they are written, and received **<u>PRIOR</u>** to the end of the public comment period. You should contact the applicant for the final date of the public comment period.

If you have questions about the Mined Land Reclamation Board and Office review and decision or appeals process, you may contact the Office at (303) 866-3567.

#### **COMPLETION OF MINING**:

Upon completion of any phase of reclamation, you should consult Rule 3.1 for reclamation standards and 4.16 for details on how to request a reclamation responsibility release from the Board.

## STATE OF COLORADO

Amendment Application (Rule 1.8 or 1.10)

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## DESIGNATED MINING LIMITED IMPACT (110d) OPERATION RECLAMATION PERMIT APPLICATION FORM

CHECK ONE:

New Application (Rule 1.4)

Conversion Application (Rule 1.11)

Permit # M-\_\_\_\_\_ (provide for Amendments and Conversions of existing permits)

The application for a Limited Impact (110d) Designated Mining Operation Reclamation Permit contains three major parts: (1) the application form; (2) Exhibits A-J, Exhibit L, Exhibit T, the Geotechnical Stability Exhibit, the Emergency Response Plan, and Addendum 1, as required by the Office, and outlined in Rules 6.1, 6.2, 6.3, 6.4.20 6.5, 8, and 1.6.2(1)(b); and (3) the application fee. When you submit your application, be sure to include one (1) signed and notarized Original and one (1) copy of the application form, two (2) copies of Exhibits A-J, Exhibit L, Exhibit T, the Geotechnical Stability Exhibit (Rule 6.5), the Emergency Response Plan (Rule 8), and Addendum 1 (Rule 1.6.2(1)(b)), as required, and a check for the application fee described under (4) below. Exhibits should <u>NOT</u> be bound or in 3-ring binders; maps should be folded to 8 2" X 11" or 8 2" X 14" size. To expedite processing, please provide the information in the format and order described in this form.

## GENERAL OPERATION INFORMATION

#### Type or print clearly, in the space provided, all information described below.

| 1. | Applic                                    | ant/operator or company name (name to be used on permit):   |                                     |
|----|---|---|-------------------------------------|
|    | 1.1                                       | Type of organization (corporation, partnership, etc.):  |                                     |
|    | 1.2                                       | I.R.S. Tax ID No. or Social Security Number:  |                                     |
| 2. | <u>Opera</u>                              | tion name (pit, mine or site name):   |                                     |
| 3. | Permitted acreage (new or existing site): |   | permitted acres                     |
|    | 3.1                                       | Change in acreage (+)   | acres                               |
|    |   | Total Acreage in Permit Area  | acres                               |
| 4. | Fees:                                     | (Rule 1.5)  |                                     |
|    | 4.1                                       | New Application   | \$2,875.00 application fee          |
|    | 4.2                                       | Amendment Fee (operations existing as of 06/30/94)  | \$1,725.00 application fee          |
|    | 4.3                                       | Amendment Fee (operations permitted from 07/01/94)  | <b>\$2,300.00</b> application fee   |
|    | 4.4                                       | After July 1, 1995, to convert a 110(1), 110(2) or a 110 to a 110(d), a new application form with an application fee of $\underline{\$2,\$75.00}$ (Rule 1.11.2(2)). | for a 110d must be submitted, along |
| 5. | <u>Prima</u>                              | ry commodities to be mined:   |                                     |
| 6. | <u>Type o</u>                             | of mining operation: Surface Underground In-situ  |                                     |
|    |   |   |                                     |
|    |   |   |                                     |

| 7. | Correspondence | Informatio |
|----|----------------|------------|
|    |                |            |

City:

| <u>PPLICANT/OPERATOR</u> (name, address, and phone | • ·       |
|--|-----------|
|  | Title:    |
| Company Name:                                      |           |
|  | P.O. Box: |
| City:  |           |
|  | Zip Code: |
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| ERMITTING CONTACT (if different from applicant     | -         |
|  | Title:    |
| Company Name:                                      |           |
| Street/P.O. Box:                                   | P.O. Box: |
| City:  |           |
| State:   | Zip Code: |
| Telephone Number:         ()                       |           |
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| ISPECTION CONTACT                                  |           |
| Contact's Name:                                    | Title:    |
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| City:  |           |
| State:   | Zip Code: |
| Telephone Number:         () -                     |           |
| Fax Number: ()                                     |           |
| C: STATE OR FEDERAL LANDOWNER (if any)             |           |
| Agency:  |           |
| Street:  |           |
| City:  |           |
| State:   | Zip Code: |
| Telephone Number: ()                               |           |

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| State:              |   | Ζ | Zip Code: |
|---------------------|---|---|-----------|
| Telephone Number: ( | ) |   |           |

| 8.  | Name of owner of the subsurface rights of affected land:  |  |  |  |
|-----|---|--|--|--|
| 9.  | Name of owner of the surface of affected land:  |  |  |  |
| 10  | <b>LOCATION INFORMATION</b> : The <u>center</u> of the area where the majority of mining will occur:<br>COUNTY:             |  |  |  |
|     | PRINCIPAL MERIDIAN (check one):      6th (Colorado)      10th (New Mexico)      Ute         SECTION (write number):       S |  |  |  |
| 11. | Primary Mine Entrance Location (report in either Latitude/Longitude OR UTM):<br>Latitude/Longitude:                         |  |  |  |
|     | Example: (N) 39° 44′ 12.98″<br>(W) 104° 59′ 3.87″   |  |  |  |
|     | Latitude (N): deg min sec (2 decimal places)  |  |  |  |
|     | Longitude (W): deg min sec (2 decimal places) OR  |  |  |  |
|     | Example: (N) 39.73691°<br>(W) -104.98449°   |  |  |  |
|     | Latitude (N) (5 decimal places)   |  |  |  |
|     | Longitude (W) (5 decimal places)  |  |  |  |
|     | OR  |  |  |  |
|     | Universal Tranverse Mercator (UTM)  |  |  |  |
|     | Example: 201336.3 E NAD27 Zone 13<br>4398351.2 N  |  |  |  |
|     | UTM Datum (specify NAD27, NAD83 or WGS 84) Zone   |  |  |  |
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|     | Northing  |  |  |  |
| 12. | Primary "future (Post-mining)" land use (check one):  |  |  |  |
|     | Cropland(CR)Pastureland(PL)General Agriculture(GA)  |  |  |  |
|     | Rangeland(RL) Forestry(FR) Wildlife Habitat(WL)   |  |  |  |
|     | Residential(RS)Recreation(RC)Industrial/Commercial(IC)  |  |  |  |
| 12  | Developed Water Resources(WR) Solid Waste Disposal(WD)  |  |  |  |
| 13. | Primary "present" land use (check one):         Cropland(CR)       Pastureland(PL)       General Agriculture(GA)            |  |  |  |
|     | Clopiand(CK)    Pasturerand(PL)    General Agriculture(GA)      Rangeland(RL)    Forestry(FR)    Wildlife Habitat(WL)       |  |  |  |
|     | Residential(RS)Recreation(RC)Industrial/Commercial(IC)  |  |  |  |
|     | Developed Water Resources (WR) Mining (MN)  |  |  |  |

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- 14. List any designated chemicals, acidic or toxic-forming materials, exposed or disturbed as a result of the mining operation, and whether the operation will result in or presently has acid mine drainage:
- 15. **Description of Amendment or Conversion**: If you are amending or converting an existing operation, provide a brief narrative describing the proposed change(s).
- 16. Maps & Exhibits: Submit TWO (2) complete, unbound copies of the following application exhibits:

#### **RULES:**

| 6.3.1       | EXHIBIT A - Legal Description and Location Map                        |
|-------------|---|
| 6.3.2       | EXHIBIT B - Site Description  |
| 6.3.3       | EXHIBIT C - Mining Plan   |
| 6.3.4       | EXHIBIT D - Reclamation Plan  |
| 6.3.5       | EXHIBIT E - Maps  |
| 6.3.6       | EXHIBIT F - List of Other Permits and Licenses Required               |
| 6.3.7       | EXHIBIT G - Source of Legal Right-to-Enter                            |
| 6.3.8       | EXHIBIT H - Municipalities Within a Two-mile Radius                   |
| 6.3.9       | EXHIBIT I - Proof of Filing with County Clerk                         |
| 6.3.10      | EXHIBIT J - Proof of Mailing Notices of Permit Application            |
| 6.3.12      | EXHIBIT L - Permanent Man-Made Structures                             |
| 6.4.20      | EXHIBIT T - Designated Mining Operation Environmental Protection Plan |
| 6.5         | Geotechnical Stability Exhibit (as required)                          |
| 8           | Emergency Response Plan   |
| 1.6.2(1)(b) | ADDENDUM 1 - Notice Requirements (sample enclosed)                    |

#### Responsibilities as a Permittee:

Upon application approval and permit issuance, this application becomes a legally binding document. Therefore, there are a number of important requirements which you, as a permittee, should fully understand. These requirements are listed below. Please read and initial each requirement, in the space provided, to acknowledge that you understand your obligations. If you do not understand these obligations then please contact this Office for a full explanation.

- 1. Your obligation to reclaim the site is not limited to the amount of the financial warranty. You assume legal liability for all reasonable expenses which the Board or the Office may incur to reclaim the affected lands associated with your mining operation in the event your permit is revoked and financial warranty is forfeited;
- 2. The Board may suspend or revoke this permit, or assess a civil penalty, upon a finding that the permittee violated the terms or conditions of this permit, the Act, the Mineral Rules and Regulations, or that information contained in the application or your permit misrepresent important material facts;
- 3. If your mining and reclamation operations affect areas beyond the boundaries of an approved permit boundary, substantial civil penalties, to you as permittee can result;
- 4. Any modification to the approved mining and reclamation plan from those described in your approved application requires you to submit a permit modification and obtain approval from the Board or Office;
  - 5. It is your responsibility to notify the Office of any changes in your address or phone number;

6. Upon permit issuance and prior to beginning on-site mining activity, you must post a sign at the entrance of the mine site, which shall be clearly visible from the access road, with the following information (Rule 3.1.12):

- a. the name of the operator;
- b. (a statement that a reclamation permit for the operation has been issued by the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board; and,
- c. the permit number.

7. The boundaries of the permit boundary area must be marked by monuments or other markers that are clearly visible and adequate to delineate such boundaries prior to site disturbance;

8. It is a provision of this permit that the operations will be conducted in accordance with the terms and conditions listed in your application, as well as with the provisions of the Act and the Mineral Rules and Regulations in effect at the time the permit is issued.

9. Annually, on the anniversary date of permit issuance, you must submit an annual fee (**\$518**), and an annual report which includes a map describing the acreage affected and the acreage reclaimed to date (if there are changes from the previous year), any monitoring required by the Reclamation or Environmental Protection Plans to be submitted annually on the anniversary date of the permit approval. Annual fees are for the previous year a permit is held. For example, a permit with the anniversary date of July 1, 1997, the annual fee is for the period of July 1, 1996 through June 30, 1997. Failure to submit your annual fee and report by the permit anniversary date may result in a civil penalty, revocation of your permit, and forfeiture of your financial warranty. It is your responsibility, as an operator, to continue to pay your annual fee to the Office until the Board releases you from your total reclamation responsibility.

10. <u>For joint venture/partnership operators</u>: the signing representative is authorized to sign this document and a power of attorney (provided by the partner(s)) authorizing the signature of the representative is attached to this application.

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#### Certification:

As an authorized representative of the applicant, I hereby certify that the operation described has met the minimum requirements of the following terms and conditions:

1. All necessary approvals from local government have been applied for (Rule 1.6.2(1) and (2));

2. This entire mining operation will not extract more than 70,000 tons of mineral, overburden, or combination thereof in any calendar year (defined in Rule 1.1(24));

3. This mining operation will not adversely affect the stability of any significant, valuable and permanent man-made structure(s) located within two hundred (200) feet of the affected lands. (However, where there is an agreement between the applicant/operator and the persons having an interest in the structure that damage to the structure is to be compensated for by the applicant/operator (Section 34-32-115(4)(d), C.R.S. 1984, as amended), then mining may occur within 200 feet. Proof of an agreement must be submitted to the Office prior to the decision date.)

4. No mining operation will be located on lands where such operations are prohibited by law (Section 34-32-115(4)(f), C.R.S. 1984, as amended);

5. As the applicant/operator, I do not have any mining/prospecting operations in this state of Colorado currently in violation of the provisions of the Mined Land Reclamation Act (Section 34-32-120, C.R.S. 1984, as amended) as determined through a Board finding.

6. I understand that statements in the application are being made under penalty of perjury and that false statements made herein are punishable as a Class 1 misdemeanor pursuant to Section 18-8-503, C.R.S. 1984, as amended.

## This form has been approved by the Mined Land Reclamation Board pursuant to section 34-32-110, C.R.S., of the Mined Land Reclamation Act. Any alteration or modification of this form shall result in voiding any permit issued on the altered or modified form and subject the operator to cease and desist orders and civil penalties for operating without a permit pursuant to section 34-32-123, C.R.S.

| Signed and dated this day of                             | ,   |
|--|---|
| Applicant/Operator                                       | If Corporation Attest (Seal)                                |
| Signed:  | Signed:   |
| Title:   | Corporate Secretary or Equivalent<br>Town/City/County Clerk |
| State of) County of)                                     |   |
| The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this | day of,,  |
| oy as  | of  |
|  | NOTARY PUBLIC   |
|  | My Commission expires:                                      |

SIGNATURES MUST BE IN BLUE INK

The following is an example that you may wish to use for the Notice required for Rule 1.6.2(1)(b).

## **NOTICE**

| This site is the location of a proposed mining operation. (N | ame of the Applicant/Operator),  |
|--|--|
| whose address and phone number is (Address and Phone N       | (umber of the Applicant/Operator), has                                 |
| applied for a Reclamation Permit with the Colorado Mined L   | and Reclamation Board. Anyone wishing to comment on the application    |
| may view the application at the (County Name)                | County Clerk and Recorder's Office, (Clerk and Recorder's              |
| Office Address), a   | and should send comments prior to the end of the public comment period |
| to the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety, 1313 S   | Sherman St, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203.                          |

## **Certification:**

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| Ι,  | _, hereby certify that I posted a sign containing the above notice for the |
|---|--|
| proposed permit area known as the (Name of Operation) | , on (Date Posted)   |

SIGNATURE

DATE

## NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION FOR COLORADO MINED LAND RECLAMATION PERMIT FOR LIMITED IMPACT (110d) DESIGNATED MINING OPERATION

#### NOTICE TO THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

COUNTY

The applicant/operator proposes to reclaim the affected land to \_\_\_\_\_\_ use. Pursuant to Section 34-32-116(7)(j), C.R.S., the Board is required to confer with the local Board of County Commissioners before approving of the post-mining land use. Accordingly, the Board would appreciate your comments on the proposed operation. Please note that, in order to preserve your right to a hearing before the Board on this application, you must submit written comments on the application within ten (10) days after the date of the applicant's newspaper publication.

If you would like to discuss the proposed post-mining land use, or any other issue regarding this application, please contact the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203, (303) 866-3567.

<u>NOTE TO APPLICANT/OPERATOR</u>: You must attach a copy of the application form to this notice. If this is a notice of a change to a previously filed application you must either attach a copy of the changes, or attach a complete and accurate description of the change.

## NOTICE OF FILING APPLICATION FOR COLORADO MINED LAND RECLAMATION PERMIT FOR LIMITED IMPACT (110d) DESIGNATED MINING OPERATION

## NOTICE TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

## OF THE LOCAL CONSERVATION DISTRICT

DISTRICT

(the "Applicant/Operator") has applied for a Limited Impact (110d) Designated Mining Operation reclamation permit from the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board (the "Board") to conduct mining operations in \_\_\_\_\_\_ County. The attached information is being provided to notify you of the location and nature of the proposed operation. The entire application is on file with the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (the "Division") and the local county clerk and recorder.

The applicant/operator proposes to reclaim the affected land to \_\_\_\_\_\_ use. Pursuant to Section 34-32-116(7)(j), C.R.S., the Board is required to confer with the local Conservation Districts before approving of the post-mining land use. Accordingly, the Board would appreciate your comments on the proposed operation. Please note that, in order to preserve your right to a hearing before the Board on this application, you must submit written comments on the application within ten (10) days after the date of the applicant's newspaper publication.

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AN EXAMPLE PUBLIC NOTICE WHICH MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE STATUTES IS SHOWN BELOW. THE BLANKS WHICH REQUIRE DATES WILL NEED TO BE FILLED IN ACCORDING TO THE FOLLOWING INSTRUCTIONS. PLEASE READ CAREFULLY.

#### **PUBLICATION INSTRUCTIONS:**

Date of commencement and date of completion should represent the dates which you feel most accurately describe the life of the operation.

For all Limited Impact (110) types of operations, this notice must be published once within ten (10) days of the date the application is considered submitted to the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety (the "Division"). The final date for receiving comments is ten (10) days after the date of publication or the next regular business day.

For all Regular (112) types of operations, this notice must be published once a week for four (4) consecutive weeks, starting within ten (10) days of the date the application is considered to be submitted to the Division. The final date for receiving comments is the 20th day after the fourth publication or the next regular business day.

All notices must be published in a newspaper of general circulation in the locality of the proposed mining operation and mailed to the landowners as set forth in the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Rules and Regulations. Since the date for consideration of your application may change, <u>DO NOT</u> include it in this notice.

For a complete discussion of the notice procedures and objections, please refer to C.R.S. 34-32-110(7)(c), 112(10), 114 and 115.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

(Operator Name) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_; (Address and Phone Number) \_\_\_\_\_\_, has filed an application for a Limited Impact (110d) Designated Mining Reclamation Permit with the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board under provisions of the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Act. The proposed mine is known as the (Name of the Mine) \_\_\_\_\_\_, and is located at or near Section \_\_\_\_\_, Township \_\_\_\_\_, Range \_\_\_\_\_, Prime Meridian.

The proposed date of commencement is \_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, and the proposed date of completion is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, The proposed future use of the land is (Future Landuse) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_. Additional information and tentative decision date may be obtained from the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety, 1313 Sherman Street, Room 215, Denver, Colorado 80203, (303) 866-3567, or at the (County Name) \_\_\_\_\_\_ County Clerk and Recorder's office; (Clerk and Recorder's Address) \_\_\_\_\_\_, or the above-named applicant.

Comments must be in writing and must be received by the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety by 4:00 p.m. on (Final Date for Comments)\_\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Please note that under the provisions of C.R.S. 34-32-101 <u>et seq</u>. Comments related to noise, truck traffic, hours of operation, visual impacts, effects on property values and other social or economic concerns are issues not subject to this Office's jurisdiction. These subjects, and similar ones, are typically addressed by your local governments, rather than the Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety or the Mined Land Reclamation Board.

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An example Structure Agreement which meets the requirements of the Statutes is shown below.

## **Structure Agreement**

This letter has been provided to you as the owner of a structure on or within two hundred (200) feet of a proposed mine site. The State of Colorado, Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety ("Division") requires that where a mining operation will adversely affect the stability of any significant, valuable and permanent man-made structure located within two hundred (200) feet of the affected land, the Applicant shall either:

- a) Provide a notarized agreement between the Applicant and the Person(s) having an interest in the structure, that the Applicant is to provide compensation for any damage to the structure; or
- b) Where such an agreement cannot be reached, the Applicant shall provide an appropriate engineering evaluation that demonstrates that such structure shall not be damaged by activities occurring at the mining operation; or
- c) Where such structure is a utility, the Applicant may supply a notarized letter, on utility letterhead, from the owner(s) of the utility that the mining and reclamation activities, as proposed, will have "no negative effect" on their utility. (*Construction Materials Rule 6.3.12 and Rule 6.4.19 & Hard Rock/Metal Mining Rule 6.3.12 and Rule 6.4.20*)

The Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board ("Board") has determined that this form, if properly executed, represents an agreement that complies with Construction Materials Rule 6.3.12(a), Rule 6.4.19(a), and C.R.S. § 34-32.5-115(4)(e) and with Hard Rock/Metal Mining Rule 6.3.12(a), Rule 6.4.20(a), and C.R.S. § 34-32-115(4)(d). This form is for the sole purpose of ensuring compliance with the Rules and Regulations and shall not make the Board or Division a necessary party to any private civil lawsuit to enforce the terms of the agreement or create any enforcement obligations in the Board or the Division.

| 1. |  |
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| 2. |  |
| 3. |  |
| 4. |  |
| 5. |  |
|    | (Please list additional structures on a separate page) |

The following structures are located on or within 200 feet of the proposed affected area:

## **CERTIFICATION**

| The Applicant,   | (print applicant/company name),                    |
|--|--|
| by(print representative's n                              | ame), as(print                                     |
| representative's title), does hereby certify that        | (structure owner) shall                            |
| be compensated for any damage from the proposed min      | ing operation to the above listed structure(s)     |
| located on or within 200 feet of the proposed affected a | rea described within Exhibit A, of the Reclamation |
| Permit Application for                                   | (operation name),                                  |
| File Number M  |  |

This form has been approved by the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Board pursuant to its authority under the Colorado Land Reclamation Act for the Extraction of Construction Materials and the Colorado Mined Land Reclamation Act for Hard Rock, Metal, and Designated Mining Operations. Any alteration or modification to this form shall result in voiding this form.

## **NOTARY FOR PERMIT APPLICANT**

| Applicant           | Representative Name         |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| Date                | Title                       |
| STATE OF)           |                             |
| ) ss.<br>COUNTY OF) |                             |
|                     | fore me this day of, 20, by |
|                     | My Commission Expires:      |

Notary Public

## **NOTARY FOR STRUCTURE OWNER**

| ACKNOWLEGED BY:                            |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Structure Owner                            | Name                |
| Date                                       | Title               |
| STATE OF)                                  |                     |
| ) ss.<br>COUNTY OF)                        |                     |
| The foregoing was acknowledged before me t | his day of, 20, by  |
| My O                                       | Commission Expires: |



Ajax 1 Placer Claim

## EXHIBIT C — MINING PLAN

6.3.3 EXHIBIT C - Mining Plan (1) The purpose of the mining plan is to describe how mining will affect the permit area for the duration of the operation. This plan must be correlated to Exhibit E - Map. The description of the mining plan must be adequate to satisfy the requirements of Rule 3.1 and demonstrate compliance with Rule 3. At a minimum, the Operator/Applicant must include the following information:

(a) specify the estimated dates that mining will commence and end. If the operation is intended to be an intermittent operation as defined in C.R.S. 34-32-103(6)(a)(II), the Applicant should include in this exhibit a statement that conforms to the provisions of Section 34-32-103(6)(a)(II), C.R.S.

Ajax 1 is the claim that will be managed for reclamation activities. This claim has an ore pile that has been measured and scaled to roughly 6-7,000 tons of mid and high-grade gold & silver ore that was removed from the lode source historically. This claim has a large flat gravel working pad and established safe working areas outside of consistent or set travel areas.

Mining activities will be contained to removal of the historical ore pile, crushing the rock to a fine consistency, and processing it on a shaker table. The process that will be outlined will show that this is an in-line contained process that will prevent environmental impacts, human-introduced legacy damages, or short-term impedances to the area. Equipment utilized is contained to the direct working area only. There will be no lower near waterway access and usage for this project and the removal of the ore pile on-site.

## Equipment Setup & Preparation:

Road access to the working area that will be permitted for operations has a history of becoming very rough and hard to access with standard trucks. Due to this challenge only traveling to the working area with equipment as little as possible will prevent undue damage to the road.

## BPMS will not provide road maintenance actions to the travel way. No new road maintenance will need to occur.

All equipment will be brought up on trailers to be unloaded and placed within safe, established flat historical working pads on-site. Equipment transferred to the actionable site will be limited to start and finish activities with no major equipment movement egress and ingress during mining activities. Reclamation equipment will be comprised primarily of a track hoe, with specialized low PSI ground impact tracks, and specialized attachments. This equipment will be used in the removal of the historical ore piles that need to be cleaned up, and the direct reclamation activities that will be enacted during and after mining actions have occurred.

A jaw crusher, hammermill, small reverse helix trommel and a shaker table will be utilized in the proper and safe concentration of the valuable precious metals. These units will be installed at the flat open pad well away from the roadway, and in an area that will promote safety, viability, and continued use during the project without the risk of issues. Utilizing only water during the concentration and separation of values there will be zero introduction of any foreign chemicals, acids, or waste byproducts that are or could have damaging effects to the ecology or environment of the forest.



Water for the hammermill, and processing equipment will be a closed loop recirculating setup feeding from one primary source of stored water onsite. Roughly 5,000 gallons of water will be utilized in the above ground water holding tank with proper reserve space allowed for rain water, material additions, and unexpected fillings. This tank is similar and the same as to what fire departments use for temporary water

holding and water management at a structure fire. These above ground water holding retainers are set up fast, and able to be removed rapidly if needed.

## Site Preparation Timeline Breakdown:

- i. Approval of Permitted Activities
- ii. Equipment delivery and placement~2 days
- **iii.** Milling & processing equipment placement~1.5 weeks (concurrent with equipment delivery.
- iv. Recirculating above ground water storage receptacle~1-3 days (concurrent with other tasks).
- *v.* Ground erosion control best practices~1 week (concurrent with equipment placement and site tasks)

## Total site preparation time for this project initially will range between 7-10 days total.

## *Mining Activity Duration from May 31<sup>st</sup> – October 1<sup>st</sup> This duration of time will also include final reclamation time for the project.*

(b) the estimated depth to which soil, suitable as a plant growth medium, will be salvaged for use in the reclamation process. This description must be consistent with information provided in Exhibit B. Sufficient soil must be salvaged to meet the vegetation establishment criteria of Rule 3.1.10. If plant growth medium is not reapplied on a graded area immediately after salvage, then the Operator/Applicant must specify how the topsoil will be stockpiled and stabilized with a vegetative cover or other means until used in reclamation. Plant growth medium stockpiles must be located separate from other stockpiles, out of the way of mine traffic and out of stream channels or drainageways. The location of plant growth medium stockpiles must be shown on Exhibit E - Map;

No new depth of soil will be disturbed during the removal of this ore pile. This is an above ground ore pile that will be crushed, processed and removed. Tailings and suitable plant growth medium will be utilized along the hillside bench to create new vegetative habitat for new growth.

(c) specify the thickness of overburden or quantity of waste rock, if any, to be removed to reach the deposit. The location of any overburden stockpiles or waste rock fills must be shown on Exhibit E-Map;

No overburden will be created from this project. Material will be coming from an already established ore pile on-site as described in Exhibit E Map. All fine tailings will be used as fill along the hill where the material is removed from. No new stockpiles will be created on-site, no new ore developments



will take place. This will only be focused on the removal of an already standing ore pile on-site that can be cleaned up and processed successfully. Waste rock will be spread in the area marked below on the map diagram provided. This will be mixed with the local soil and subsoil, graded to match requirements of the NFS, seeded with an approved seed list from the NFS, woodchip blanket will be placed on top to cover and protect against erosion and seed loss. This waste rock is very important to the reclamation and longevity of the direct working. Combining it will local soil and subsoils will build up the area and allow for better flora and wildlife introductions.



(d) specify the thickness of the deposit to be mined;

No new land will be disturbed. No deposit thickness needing measurement. Removing 7,000 ton maximum ore pile standing on-site at this point. This is a long standing ore pile that was left behind from mining that occurred decades ago.

(e) describe the major components of the mining operation such as: roads and access routes, pit, office, shop/maintenance buildings, plant, processing facilities, and any underground openings such as adits or ventilation facilities. These components must be located on Exhibit E- Map;

There will not be any new development to the area such as roads. Current road system with not be maintained by BPMS or redeveloped by BPMS. NFS will oversee the primary maintenance of their road. NFS can request help from BPMS for road maintenance and BPMS will be accommodating and provide assistance where it is able. There is one access route from the primary working area to the pile of ore that will be utilized for the retrieval and processing. This area is roughly 26 Ft long and will be 5 Ft wide to travel back and forth from the pile to the processing area.



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(f) specify the dimensions of any significant disturbances to the land surface such as pit excavations, mine benches, impoundments, stockpiles, waste rock disposal areas, etc; CODE OF COLORADO REGULATIONS 2 CCR 407-1 Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety 93

No pit excavations, mine benches, impoundments, stockpiles or waste rock disposal piles will be utilized. All waste will be fine grain and deposited back within the area it was removed to help re-establish proper ground grade for reclamation. This material will be spread out over the area to be reclaimed and graded to provided stability. (See diagram below describing benching.)

(g) specify the dimensions of any existing or proposed roads that will be used for the mining operation. Describe any improvements necessary on existing roads and the specifications to be used in the construction of new roads. New or improved roads must be included as part of the permitted acreage. Describe any associated drainage and runoff conveyance structures to include sufficient information to evaluate structure sizing;

The existing road is Ajax Valley Road that starts at Apex Valley Rd at the South and Heads North 1.4 Miles. This road is an average of 10-12Ft wide with heavy gravels, boulders, bedrock, rock and fines. Road improvements will not be done by the mining operator/claimant. Minimal travel impact in the area, and off-road capable trucks allow for easy access to the claim without creating more damage or maintenance. No agreement has been made with the NFS to do any road work at this time on the access road.

- (h) specify how much water will be used in conjunction with the operation, and the source of this water; Roughly 9,000 gallons of water will be used. Water will be purchased and water trucked into the claim to fill an above ground temporary water containment tank. Water purchased will be from licensed water supply houses local to Blackhawk Colorado.
- (i) if groundwater will be encountered and/or surface water intercepted or disturbed, describe how mining will affect the quantity and quality of the surface or groundwater and the methods to be used



to minimize disturbance to the surface and groundwater systems including proposed dewatering, sediment-containment or chemical treatment systems, storm water run-off controls, and groundwater points of compliance;

Groundwater including primary flowing water/creek is located in the lower level area from where the processing, water containment, and work will operated. No chemicals are used with the processing water. Dewatering screw is also used before water is placed back into the holding tank. All clean tailings are placed back into the area where fill is needed at and near the ore pile that is being removed. Silt fencing is placed around all working areas, and along the flowing waterway below to prevent muddied or silted waters from erosion, project runoff to prevent groundwater disturbance. All possible issues with water management will utilize fencing to allow for proper interception. Water discharge from the holding tank will take place towards the North and West into the NNW treeline and at a rate that does not allow for above ground flowing water but instead allows water to soak into the ground and filter naturally, <u>per the NFS request for water management.</u>

## <u>No groundwater will be encountered during the removal of this standing ore pile. Now excavation plans have been established. Only removing 1 above ground ore pile maximum 7,000 tons of material.</u>

(j) specify how you will comply with applicable Colorado water laws and regulations governing injury to existing water rights;

No water will be drawn from the flowing waterway in the area, nor will water be directly discharged into the flow waterway. No material or fugitive dust will be eroded into the water way with protections of silt fencing and wattles the waters will not get muddled or silted at any time during the duration of the project.

(k) regardless of DMO status, if refuse and acid or toxic producing materials are exposed during mining, describe how they shall be handled and disposed of in a manner that will control unsightliness and protect the drainage system from pollution.

(I) describe what measures will be taken to minimize disturbance to the hydrologic balance, prevent off-site damage, and provide for a stable configuration of the reclaimed area consistent with the proposed future land use.

No water will be drawn from the waterway to supply the operation with new or replenishment water. No water will be discharged in a manner that will flow over the ground, causing intrusion in the current water way that is present. All work areas, including the length of the waterway below the working area will be protected with silt fencing and wattles, and during reclamation a combination of silt fencing and erosion wattles will be utilized along the hill to prevent wash-away or displacement. No refuse, acid, or toxic producing materials will be created, brought to site to mix with water, or used in a manner that would create issue with the hydrologic balance.

\*\*\*Attached is a diagram from the reclamation plan describing how the hillside where the ore pile currently stands will be benched to prevent erosion issues.



Utilizing wattles at the end of the project, slash from material removed to create working path, and



woodchip netting provided by the NFS will allow for this project to have securities and safeguards in place to prevent erosion contamination, water intrusions or hydrologic imbalances due to silted materials being introduced.

(m) specify whether the deposit/ore will be processed on site. Processing includes crushing, screening, washing, concrete or asphalt mixing, leaching or milling. If the deposit/ore will be processed, then describe the nature of the process, facilities and chemicals utilized.

The process area and any structures must be described on Exhibit E - Map.

All the deposited ore established in a current ore pile is to be rough processed on site. As outlined in the map provided for Exhibit E. The working area will be above the flowing water area, on a secure stable man-made bench and road configuration from prior mining activities. The processing plan will be managed by a small jaw crusher and a small hammermill that will feed a roughing trommel and a shaker table. This will rough process 1-3 tons of material per hour. This material is then separated from the water in the dewatering screw. No fugitive dust will be substantially created with the use of water within the crushers. This will prevent any clouding and dispersing of the particulate.

No leeching or chemical separation will take place on-site. Only water will be used to rough concentrate the material via specific gravity. All concentrates including 1's, #2's, #3 concentrates including midlings will be sent to the refinery to final extraction of all profitable materials within the ore body., Only clean tailings will be left behind primarily constructed of the local country rock.

\*Attached for further detail and representation see Plan of Operations\*\*







(n) identify the primary, and if applicable, secondary and incidental commodities to be mined/extracted by the proposed operation; and if not to be used as construction material, describe the intended use.



Primary commodities that will be retrieved will be gold, then silver, and platinum metal groups.

All material will be sent to refinery to be contained and weighed within in specific metallic category and sold within the industry to provide for many ever-growing industries that rely on these metal groups to sustain life managing operations within the United States.

o) Specify if explosives will be used in conjunction with the mining or reclamation. In consultation with the Office the Applicant must demonstrate, pursuant to Subsection 6.5(4) under the Geotechnical Stability Exhibit, that off site areas will not be adversely affected by blasting during mining or reclamation operations.

\*\*\*No Blasting Will Occur At Any Time\*\*\*

(2) If tailing ponds are part of

the milling process, the mine plan description should address the following:

(a) Plant Facilities: Describe the chemical types and quantities to be utilized, chemical storage and spill containment and emergency response plans for on-site spills. Plant operation details should include tank capacities and operating solution volumes.

Pond will be an above ground water containment system. This is a framed system with a heavy poly liner made for fire departments and is extremely durable and heavy duty. This pond will not hold tailings.

No chemicals will be utilized anywhere within the water containment system, processing system, or stored near water containment. Water containment for the processing of the material will be



stored in an above ground temporary containment tank that is used by fire departments for holding water. This above ground water holding tank will not be used to hold tailings or other portions of the ore body. All tailings will be dewatered before the water goes back into the holding tank. The holding tank holds 3,000 gallons and will be kept at 2/3<sup>rd</sup> full to prevent overflow from rain events during containment periods of water for processing material. Spill kits will be kept on-site for the usage of any spills that could occur on-site.

No EPA regulated or unregulated chemicals will be utilized in the settling, coagulation, separation, or concentration of any values or treated to the bulk water onsite. No mercury will be used at this operation. Only water will be utilized concentrating the value bearing material by specific gravity



and sent off-site to a 3rd party refinery. All fuel storage will be done with DOT approved fuel tanks mounted on the backs on highway licensed and insured vehicles. These are leakproof tanks that will hold the diesel or gas that is needed on-site. No barrels of fuel or oils will be stored on the ground. No flammable liquids, caustic, or

listed chemicals will not be stored onsite on the ground or in improper containers. All refueling of equipment will be done no closer than 25 Ft from the recirculating pond on-site while utilizing spill kits, and petro-pads to prevent spill events.

Absorbent clay sealed in a bucket with a shovel for usage will also be kept within the project for additional spill remediation needed on-site.



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While other absorbents may appear cost-effective initially, they are single-use and generate a lot of hazardous waste which costs you money. PetroPad Oil Absorbing Mats have unbeatable capacity and don't need to be disposed of until full. They could last years!

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| Description       | Oil Capacity<br>Gal/L | W x D x H*                                  | Net Weight<br>Ib/kg |
|-------------------|-----------------------|---|---------------------|
| Small PetroPad    | 1.2/4.5               | 24 x 0.63 x 18.1 in (610 x 16 x 460 mm)     | 1.8/0.8             |
| Medium PetroPad   | 2.8/10.5              | 27.2 x 0.63 x 35.4 in (690 x 16 x 900 mm)   | 4.0/1.8             |
| Large PetroPad    | 5.3/20.2              | 35.8 x 0.63 x 53.9 in (910 x 16 x 1370 mm)  | 7.1/3.2             |
| X-Large PetroPad  | 8/30.4                | 53.9 x 0.63 x 53.9 in (1370 x 16 x 1370 mm) | 11.0/5.0            |
| XX-Large PetroPad | 11.7/44.3             | 53.9 x 0.63 x 85.8 in (1370 x 16 x 2180 mm) | 18.4/8.4            |



b) Tailings: Describe the geochemical constituents of the tailing or leached ore, the chemistry of any leachate, anticipated impacts to ground or surface waters and design details such as liners, ponds and embankments, diversions or chemical treatment facilities to be used to control these impacts, and ground and surface water monitoring systems, to include proposed groundwater points of compliance. CODE OF COLORADO REGULATIONS 2 CCR 407-1 Division of Reclamation, Mining, and Safety 94

# Tailings that will be leftover will be small diameter gravels that will be comprised of quartz, biotite gneiss, microline-quarts-biotite gneiss, and granodiorite pegmatite. Portable temporary water containment system will be holding water only, no sediments will be contained within the water. All solids will be going through a dewatering screw removing all material from water.

(c) Drainage Control: Describe the measures used to divert upland drainage away from the site both during and after operation. This must include design details demonstrating the capacity of ditches and impoundment structures to contain operating solutions and the volume of water generated by a one hundred (100) year 24-hour rainfall event.

Drainage as required and requested by National Forest District Officials, the cutting in and banking "Wash-Ins" that will redirect water away from overflowing the working area and prevents rain run off from establishing new erosion points along the northern portion of the work area. Silt fencing will be utilized to prevent silted waters from occurring on-site. These ditches will be cut in at a depth of 18" and will be an average of 48" wide feeding back about 15 Ft towards and into the wooded portion of the claim. The dotted red and white lines as indicated in the map below show where the NFS wants to see drainage ditches constructed. These diversion channels can maintain 22 gal/min up to 39 gal/min. per channel diversion ditch. Water does not generally flow at a high rate in the area. Only during snow melt and heavy rainstorms will the water run above a trickle in this area due to old water diversion methods employed in the area decades ago.

This area of the lower access on the northern side will be gated off. This will prevent the driving of any equipment, atvs, or vehicles from driving or accessing the lower portion of the area.



Map above illustrates where NFS requires "Wash-In" "Wash-Out" ditches to be cut into the downward draining landscape to prevent issue with water quality issues.



(d) Maps and Plans: Design drawings must, at a minimum, describe specific design details for tailing ponds and embankments, ponds and ditches, ore and tail transport systems, and ground and surface water monitoring systems.

See attached maps, and additional imagery provided for the project.





## CANDY MOUNTAIN MINING COMPANY INC. Kiel Schleusner – Field Representative | CEO



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# PLAN OF OPERATIONS FOR MINING ACTIVITIES ON NATIONAL FOREST SYSTEM LANDS

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|                      | Signature   | Title                                 |                     | Date<br>(mm/dd/yy)          |  |  |  |
| Plan Received by:    |   |                                       |                     |                             |  |  |  |
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C. Name, address and phone number of owners of the claims (if different than the operator):

D. Name, address and phone number of any other lessees, assigns, agents, etc., and briefly describe their involvement with the operation, if applicable:

### **III. PROPERTY OR AREA**

(Name of claim, if applicable, and the legal land description where the operation will be located.)

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### **IV. DESCRIPTION OF THE OPERATION**

A. Access. Show on a map (USGS quadrangle map or a National Forest map, for example) the claim boundaries, if applicable, and all access needs such as roads and trails, on and off the claim. Specify which Forest Service roads will be used, where maintenance or reconstruction is proposed, and where new construction is necessary. For new construction, include construction specifications such as widths, grades, etc., location and size of culverts, describe maintenance plans, and the type and size of vehicles and equipment that will use the access routes.

### See Attached Plan

B. Map, Sketch or Drawing. Show location and layout of the area of operation. Identify any streams, creeks or springs if known. Show the size and kind of all surface disturbances such as trenches, pits, settling ponds, stream channels and run-off diversions, waste dumps, drill pads, timber disposal or clearance, etc. Include sizes, capacities, acreage, amounts, locations, materials involved, etc.

C. Project Description. Describe all aspects of the operation including mining, milling, and exploration methods, materials, equipment, workforce, construction and operation schedule, power requirements, how clearing will be accomplished, topsoil stockpile, waste rock placement, tailings disposal, proposed number of drillholes and depth, depth of proposed suction dredging, and how gravels will be replaced, etc. Calculate production rates of ore. Include justification and calculations for settling pond capacities, and the size of runoff diversion channels.

### See Attached Plan

D. Equipment and Vehicles. Describe that which is proposed for use in your operation (Examples: drill, dozer, wash plant, mill, etc.). Include: sizes, capacity, frequency of use, etc.

### See Attached Plan

E. Structures. Include information about fixed or portable structures or facilities planned for the operation. Show locations on the map. Include such things as living quarters, storage sheds, mill buildings, thickener tanks, fuel storage, powder magazines, pipelines, water diversions, trailers, sanitation facilities including sewage disposal, etc. Include engineering design and geotechnical information for project facilities, justification and calculations for sizing of tanks, pipelines and water diversions, etc.

### See Attached Plan

### V. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MEASURES (SEE 36 CFR 228.8)

A. Air Quality. Describe measures proposed to minimize impacts on air quality such as obtaining a burning permit for slash disposal or dust abatement on roads.

- **B.** Water Quality. State how applicable state and federal water quality standards will be met. Describe measures or management practices to be used to minimize water quality impacts and meet applicable standards.
  - 1. State whether water is to be used in the operation, and describe the quantity, source, methods and design of diversions, storage, use, disposal, and treatment facilities. Include assumptions for sizing water conveyance or storage facilities.
  - 2. Describe methods to control erosion and surface water runoff from all disturbed areas, including waste and tailings dumps.
  - Describe proposed surface water and groundwater quality monitoring, if required, to demonstrate compliance with federal or state water quality standards.
  - 4. Describe the measures to be used to minimize potential water quality impacts during seasonal closures, or for a temporary cessation of operations.
  - If land application is proposed for waste water disposal, the location and operation of the land application system must be described. Also describe how vegetation, soil, and surface and groundwater quality will be protected if land application is used.

### See Attached Plan

C. Solid Wastes. Describe the quantity and the physical and chemical characteristics of solid waste produced by the operation. Describe how the wastes will be disposed of including location and design of facilities, or treated so as to minimize adverse impacts.

#### See Attached Plan

D. Scenic Values. Describe protection of scenic values such as screening, slash disposal, or timely reclamation.

E. Fish and Wildlife. Describe measures to maintain and protect fisheries and wildlife, and their habitat (includes threatened, endangered, and sensitive species) affected by the operations.

### See Attached Plan

F. Cultural Resources. Describe measures for protecting known historic and archeological values, or new sites in the project area.

### See Attached Plan

G. Hazardous Substances.

1. Identify the type and volume of all hazardous materials and toxic substances which will be used or generated in the operations including cyanide, solvents, petroleum products, mill, process and laboratory reagents.

### See Attached Plan

 For each material or substance, describe the methods, volume, and frequency of transport (include type of containers and vehicles), procedures for use of materials or substances, methods, volume, and containers for disposal of materials and substances, security (fencing), identification (signing/labeling), or other special operations requirements necessary to conduct the proposed operations.

### See Attached Plan

3. Describe the measures to be taken for release of a reportable quantity of a hazardous material or the release of a toxic substance. This includes plans for spill prevention, containment, notification, and cleanup.

**H. Reclamation.** Describe the annual and final reclamation standards based on the anticipated schedule for construction, operations, and project closure. Include such items as the removal of structures and facilities including bridges and culverts, a revegetation plan, permanent containment of mine tailings, waste, or sludges which pose a threat of a release into the environment, closing ponds and eliminating standing water, a final surface shaping plan, and post operations monitoring and maintenance plans.

See Attached Plan

## VI. FOREST SERVICE EVALUATION OF PLAN OF OPERATIONS

A. Required changes/modifications/special mitigation for plan of operations:

B. Bond. Reclamation of all disturbances connected with this plan of operations is covered by Reclamation Performance Bond No. \_\_\_\_\_, dated (mm/dd/yy) \_\_\_\_\_, signed by \_\_\_\_\_ (Principal) and \_\_\_\_\_ (Surety), for the penal sum of \_\_\_\_. This Reclamation Performance Bond is a guarantee of faithful performance with the terms and conditions listed below, and with the reclamation requirements agreed upon in the plan of operations. This Reclamation Performance Bond also extends to and includes any unauthorized activities conducted in connection with this operation.

The bond amount for this Reclamation Performance Bond was based on a bond calculation worksheet. The bond amount may be adjusted during the term of this proposed plan of operations in response to changes in the operations or to changes in the economy. Both the Reclamation Performance Bond and the bond calculation worksheet are attached to and made part of this plan of operations. Acceptable bond securities (subject to change) include:

- 1. Negotiable Treasury bills and notes which are unconditionally guaranteed as to both principle and interest in an amount equal at their par value to the penal sum of the bond; or
- 2. Certified or cashier's check, bank draft, Post Office money order, cash, assigned certificate of deposit, assigned savings account, blanket bond, or an irrevocable letter of credit equal to the penal sum of the bond.



# **VII. TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

- A. If a bond is required, it must be furnished before approval of the plan of operations.
- B. Information provided with this plan marked confidential will be treated in accordance with the agency's laws, rules, and regulations.
- C. Approval of this plan does not constitute certification of ownership to any person named herein and/or recognition of the validity of any mining claim named herein.
- D. Approval of this plan does not relieve me of my responsibility to comply with other applicable state or federal laws, rules, or regulations.
- E. If previously undiscovered cultural resources (historic or prehistoric objects, artifacts, or sites) are exposed as a result of operations, those operations will not proceed until notification is received from the Authorized Officer that provisions for mitigating unforeseen impacts as required by 36 CFR 228.4(e) and 36 CFR 800 have been complied with.
- F. This plan of operations has been approved for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ or until (*mm/dd/yy*) \_\_\_\_. A new or revised plan must be submitted in accordance with 36 CFR part 228, subpart A, if operations are to be continued after that time period.

## VIII. OPERATING PLAN ACCEPTANCE

We have reviewed and agreed to comply with all conditions in this plan of operations including the required changes, modifications, special mitigation, and reclamation requirements.

We understand that the bond will not be released until the Authorized Officer in charge gives written approval.

| Signature of Operator (or Authorized Representative)   | (Date)<br>( <i>mm/dd/yy</i> )                                |
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| IX. OPERATING PLAN APPR  | OVAL   |
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# AJAX 1 PLAN OF OPERATIONS Reclamation & Historic Ore Pile Removal Plan of Operations Federal Mining Claim Ajax 1 CO#101785994 Plan of Operations Supporting Documentation Environmental & Best Practices Documentation for the National Forest Service Gilpin County, Colorado

# PROPOSED ACTION TITLE/TYPE: Lode Gold Primary/Lode Silver Secondary | <u>Milling Hard Rock</u> This will be based in Gilpin County, Colorado.

Material available on-site is historical ore piles left from when mining operations ceased in the area decades ago. Ore piles can be detrimental to the landscape and environment with safety issues posed to both public use and wildlife. This project is focused on the safe removal, and reclamation of the directly impacted area from historical work and processing the value from the historic ore piles to finance this and future reclamation projects. Low to zero-impact equipment, material management, and material processing allows for this project to focus on continued forest health and public betterment.

Attached in this Plan of Operations will be mitigation methods, safety and best practices during the operational period of this reclamation project.

# This Plan of Operations is attached to a Colorado 110(D) Permit including all required exhibits and notices.

<u>APPLICANT</u>: Mike Boss: **BMPS LLC. 147 Abierto Cove Blanco, Texas 78606** <u>Operators</u> Mike Boss with **BPMS LLC** *Mike Boss* Address: 147 Abierto Cove Blanco, Texas 78606 Phone Number: 512-663-6384

<u>CONSULTING AGENCY</u>: Candy Mountain Mining Company Inc. (Kiel Schleusner, Lead Consultant, Field Representative) Email: <u>info@candymountainprospecting.com</u> Phone: 507-456-1083



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Email: support@nextinsurance.com Mail: P.O. Box 60787 Palo Alto, CA 94306

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### Access:

Travel North 1.38 miles from Apex Valley Rd., up Silver Creek Road towards the claims. During ingress towards the

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claim after a split in the road continue right and maintain travel up the inclined road until you reach Ajax 1 which is marked at the roadway with signage.



# Direct Mining Activity Plan:

Ajax 1 is the claim that will be managed for reclamation activities. This claim has an ore pile that has been measured and scaled to roughly 6-7,000 tons of mid and high-grade gold & silver ore that was removed from the lode source historically. This claim has a large flat gravel working pad and established safe working areas outside of consistent or set travel areas. \*See Maintenance plan\*\*

Mining activities will be contained to removal of the historical ore pile, crushing the rock to a fine consistency, and processing it on a shaker table. The process that will be outlined will show that this is an in-line contained process that will prevent environmental impacts, human-introduced legacy damages, or short-term impedances to the area. Equipment utilized is contained to the direct working area only. There will be no lower near waterway access and usage for this project and the removal of the ore pile on-site.

**Drainage ditches** will be constructed above and below the tailings pile that is onsite. This will divert surface water away from the tailings pile and stream. The ditch will be 2 Ft wide 1 Ft in depth with a rock lining to slow the angle and the flow of the water way.

# The following design criteria have been established for this specific project and site. Provided by the National Forest Service.

# Physical and Biological Elements of the Environment

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# Water Quality and Soils:

# <u>Hydrology:</u>

Prior to processing of waste rock pile, install a sediment fence between the waste rock pile and the stream. Remove sediment fence once all reclamation actions are complete.

To prevent movement of potentially contaminated soils, keep equipment out of foundation/cribbing area.

Monitor water discharge to ensure that water is infiltrating and not running off-site, specifically down road. Reduce rate of discharge if needed to prevent runoff.

Access to the site will be through the upper road only. No equipment should operate from the lower road.Install a runoff ditch at the bottom of the pile to divert any surface runoff water moving through pile away from the stream (towards the west)Install coconut coir wattles upstream of the sediment fence and across areas on pile, diverting away from historical cribbing

Following processing of waste rock pile, complete the following reclamation activities:

Return the pile to its original location To minimize sheet flow off the pile, ensure pile is left hummocky Add soil amendments (biosol and humate) and incorporate into top 6 inches of waste rock Approximately one (30-50 lb?) bag of each Humate and Biosol pellets (sources below) to be incorporated into top 6 inches of soil before seed and mulch are applied.

Humate: Menefee Humate (Organic Compost) Earthgreen Products Inc.

Biosol® Mix: Nutrient Ratio N-P-K= 7-2-3 Organic Fertilizer Bowman/Revex

Seed and cover pile with wood straw (both seed and wood straw provided by USFS)

Install a run-on ditch above the pile to divert any surface runoff water away from the pile, towards the west, away from historical cribbing

If trees are cut during the project, lay them on the pile as part of reclamation

Install buck and rail fence on both ends of lower historic road to prevent vehicles from driving in the stream.

Follow all applicable best management practices (BMPs) from the 2012 National Best Management Practices for Water Quality Management on National Forget System Landa, Tagencial Quide

Water Quality Management on National Forest System Lands Technical Guide.

The BMPs applicable to this project may include:

Min-3: Minerals Production

Min-6: Ore Stockpiles, Mine Waste Storage and Disposal, Reserve Pits, and Settling Ponds

Min-8: Minerals Site Reclamation

Road-4: Road Operations and Maintenance

Road-9: Parking and Staging Areas

Road-10: Equipment Refueling and Servicing

Air Quality

# Water spray will be utilized along roads and throughout the materials handling processes to minimize fugitive dust.

# Waste and Hazardous Material:

Storage and use of hazardous materials or explosives is not authorized.

The operator is required to remove garbage from NFS land and dispose of this garbage in accordance with state and local regulations.

A small, portable chemical or compost toilet must be on site during operations. All human waste must be transported off NFS land and disposed of in accordance with state and local regulations. No chemicals or additives may be used in water used for washing minerals on site. Any fuels, antifreeze, solvents or potential hazardous materials must be properly stored to contain any leaks, and will be placed at least 100 feet away any perennial, intermittent, and ephemeral drainages. Limit refueling to designated areas. The operator will use spill pads when pouring fuel or other



petroleum products into tanks or other containers, to contain any spillage before it reaches the soil or water. In the event of a petroleum (gas, diesel, oil, etc.) spill or other hazardous material spill onto the soil of the claim, immediately contact the National Response Center at 1-800-424-8802 and the Gilpin County Sheriff. If hazardous substances are spilled on a federal, state or county roadway contact the Colorado State Patrol. All hazardous material spills will be disposed of according to Colorado State Hazmat disposal guidelines.

Dumping of gray water or washing must be over 100 feet away from any stream channel and away from any historic features and structures.

### Road-Use, Construction and Reclamation:

Limit temporary roads, track hoe trails and other soil disturbances to the minimum feasible number, width, and total length consistent with the purpose of specific operations.

The operator must monitor all temporary access roads (new and existing) for erosion that would impact riparian corridors. The operator must maintain water bars, rolling dips and lead-out ditches. Use erosion control products in lead-out ditches as needed. Silt fencing must be installed as needed.

All non-system roads utilized through mining operations must be reclaimed to near-natural conditions immediately following the completion of mining operations as follows:

Roads and related structures must be obliterated to provide adequate drainage All culverts must be removed and a natural grade reestablished. Obliterated roads, drainages and modified must be recontoured and revegetated.

## Dig Site Construction and Reclamation:

Avoid operations during or directly after periods of heavy rain or when soils are wet. If rutting caused by equipment or vehicles is observed, stop mechanical operations immediately.

The operator would be required to reclaim all dig sites by filling with excavated material, recontouring, replacing topsoil and seeding if deemed necessary by the Forest Botanist.

All mining spoil will be separated into two distinct piles: 1) topsoil and 2) general overburden. Topsoil will be considered the uppermost four inches of mineral soil and any organic matter (e.g. litter or duff) above the mineral surface. The topsoil must be piled and clearly labeled. On all slopes greater than 10 percent, topsoil and overburden piles must have silt fencing effectively installed down slope of the piles. Mining spoils must be placed immediately upslope of dig sites such that any eroded material would be captured by the excavation. **Vegetation and Noxious Weeds:** 

Revegetate all disturbed and recontoured dig sites. Sites to be revegetated will use either a government furnished seed mix or a seed mix approved by the USFS Botanist. If wood straw mulch is needed as determined by the USFS, provide coverage of at least 75% or wood shred mulch to a depth that does not exceed two inches. If soil amendments are needed in restoration effort, coordinate with the South Zone Botanist. Seed in the fall, optimally before the first snowfall.

To minimize risk of non-native, invasive plant introduction and spread, require all equipment including wheeled and tracked vehicles to be operated on site to be cleaned, i.e., free of mud, dirt, plant parts, and seeds, or other debris that could contain or hold seeds, prior to entering the project area. Equipment will be considered free of soil and other debris when a visual inspection does not disclose such material.

Do NOT use agricultural mulch materials for any revegetation or sediment/erosion control. Use products that are made from non-agricultural materials. This may include products made from wood straw or shred or wattles made from excelsior, wood, or other non-agricultural materials.

If additional areas are needed beyond the already disturbed areas, coordinate with USFS Botanist to locate landings, staging areas, skid trails, burn piles, and other areas of severe soil disturbance to best reduce risk of spread of nonnative invasive plants. Scrape and stockpile topsoil (top 4 inches) for reuse following project completion.

# Heritage:

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If a previously unknown site is discovered by either the operator or the Forest Service, mining operations that could impact the new site would stop immediately until the site is evaluated by the Forest Service and any needed mitigation measures are developed.

If new proposed dig sites are proposed that are outside the project area, additional Heritage Resource surveys, documentation and OAHP/SHPO concurrence would be required.

### Fire:

All internal combustion engines including but not limited to generators, vehicles, mechanized mining equipment and power tools, must be fitted with an approved spark arresting device or muffler in good working order. The operator must have and maintain hand tools for fire suppression in the event of a wildland fire.

### **Reclamation:**

Continual reclamation will continue throughout the mining season. The claimant will take measures to prevent or control onsite and off-site damage to NFS land resources including (36 CFR 228.8 g):

Control of erosion and landslides from temporary access roads and dig sites

Control of water runoff

Isolation, removal or control of toxic materials Annual (end-of-season) reclamation will include:

Removal of all equipment and trash from mining claim

Seed topsoil piles with native seed and/or monitor spoil piles for erosion problems.

Recontouring and replacement of topsoil in disturbed sites where mining operations are complete

Revegetation of all recontoured areas

Annual reclamation will be completed by October 31 of each year. Final reclamation will include:

Removal of all equipment and trash from mining claim

Recontouring and replacement of topsoil at all disturbed sites (including dig sites and all temporary access roads) Revegetation of all disturbed areas with native vegetation. Before reclamation bond is released, vegetation must be established 80% or better compared to the surrounding undisturbed areas. Reclamation of the site will be measured by the Land and Minerals Staff, Clear Creek Ranger District.

# Use and Occupancy of the Forest

# Mining Access and Occupancy:

Occupancy and use restrictions apply to the SSG mining operations. Camping for more than 14 days in a 30-day period or more than 30 days in a 365-day period. 36 C.F.R. § 261.58(a).

The operator is required to request permission from private property owners prior to utilizing a private access road, constructing any temporary access roads or mining on private property.

The operator may request a Right-of-Way permit to access closed system roads in order to access his mining claim. The operator must use necessary precautions to not damage any utility lines or associated facilities enroute to dig sites in the project area.

# Public Access and Safety:

The operator will be required to fence individual dig sites with orange snow fence or other Forest Service approved fencing material to promote public safety.

Gates will be required at the entrances to all temporary access roads. The Forest Service may require signing with Forest Service approved language such as "No Public Vehicle or Mineral Entry."





# Equipment Setup & Preparation:

Road access to the working area that will be permitted for operations has a history of becoming very rough and hard to access with standard trucks. Due to this challenge, only traveling to the working area with equipment as little as possible will prevent undue damage to the road. All equipment will be brought up on trailers to be unloaded and placed within safe, established flat historical working pads on-site. Equipment transferred to the actionable site will be limited to start and finish activities with no major equipment movement egress and ingress during mining activities. Reclamation equipment will be comprised primarily of a track hoe, with specialized low PSI ground impact tracks, and specialized attachments. This equipment will be used in the removal of the historical ore piles that need to be cleaned up, and the direct reclamation activities that will be enacted during and after mining actions have occurred. A jaw crusher, hammermill, small reverse helix trommel and a shaker table will be utilized in the proper and safe concentration of the valuable precious metals. These units will be installed at the flat open pad well away from the roadway, and in an area that will promote safety, viability, and continued use during the project without the risk of issues. Utilizing only water during the concentration and separation of values there will be zero introduction of any foreign chemicals, acids, or waste byproducts that are or could have damaging effects to the ecology or environment of the forest.

Water for the hammermill, and processing equipment will be a closed loop recirculating setup feeding from one primary source of stored water onsite. Roughly 3-5,000 gallons of water will be utilized in the above ground water holding tank with proper reserve space allowed for rain water, material additions, and unexpected fillings. This tank is similar and the same as to what fire departments use for temporary water holding and water management at a structure fire. These above ground water holding retainers are set up fast, and able to be removed rapidly if needed.

# Site Preparation Timeline Breakdown:

- i. Approval of Permitted Activities
- **ii.** Equipment delivery and placement~2 days
- iii. Milling & processing equipment placement~1.5 weeks (concurrent with equipment delivery.
- iv. Recirculating above ground water storage receptacle~1-3 days (concurrent with other tasks). \*See pond plan\*
- Ground erosion control best practices~1 week (concurrent with equipment placement and site tasks) \*\*See ground erosion plan\*\*



# Total site preparation time for this project initially will range between 7-10 days total.

### Road Access & Ground Maintenance Plan:

Road access from the county road is consistent with some smaller regions showing erosion based damaged and changes within the access road leading up towards the proposed working site. Generally, the road is in positive condition to bring equipment up slowly to the claim and direct working area.

Water is seen to flow down this road at times due to rain or snow melt events that are habitual and seasonal. These



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<u>Current Road Condition:</u> Road condition photographs were taken 7/18/2024



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# Material and Land Reclamation Project Layout:

To provide continued environmental support to the area, promote continued flora and fauna growth and to protect the area properly this project has a specific layout to achieve these expected results.

This project is focused on the reclamation and removal of a historic ore pile on Ajax1. This historic ore pile has a perimeter of 130 Ft, with a width of 45 Ft, and a height of 15 Ft.



Based on ore size 2"-8" rock there is roughly 5,500-7,000 tons of material in this pile. This pile will be removed and processed on the high side away from the waterway. Proper and safe removal of the ore pile provided by BPMS will provide long-term healthy land and tree growth. Access to this pile can be achieved from working the pile from the top side of the pile at the landing access near Forest Service Road 7071. Lower road access to the historic foundation, and lower ore pile will not be used by any digging equipment and will be used for cleanup and reclamation access.

Protecting the
waterway below is extremely

important. All activities for this project will be away from the waterway directly and in a protected zone.

 Silt fencing will be utilized throughout project along waterway and working project area in conjunction with coco erosion wattles.

Working the pile from the top will allow for better land protection in the longterm process. Utilizing a method of pulling material from the high side of the pile the material can be pulled back and used as an access point. Once the pile has been brought down to a proper lower level, then working the material back towards the hillside will provide





excellent land re-grading as work is completed. All while utilizing tailings from the rough processing of the material to help regrade the area to meet NFS specifications.

Utilizing best management practices during the removal of the ore, equipment will be used in a manner to access the ore pile with little to no damage to the surrounding area. No large or established trees, bushes or shrubs will be damaged or removed to get the ore pile reclaimed. All slash created will be saved and used for reclamation requirements at the end of the project.

Reclamation of ore from the topside of the pile for much of the removal will allow significant protections to be in place for the long term. A small path wide enough to be used to access the pile from the landing will be utilized. This path is temporary and will be comprised of ore body material that will be used to create a flat path.

# All areas of work will be utilizing progressive reclamation techniques to always have a working area prepped, cleaned and rough graded at most times to prevent long term damage or stress to the environment.



Access to the ore pile will be over a maximum distance of 50 Ft from the above flat ground access and working area. Trees and shrubs less than 3 inches in diameter could be disturbed during flat pad access. All foliage will be repaired and replaced when work is completed to provide a natural environment to the area.

All equipment used for this project for the removal and transfer of ore to the crushing area is designed for low ground impact and to be utilized in sensitive areas of work.



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BPMS utilizes state of the art and brand new small sized digging equipment for commercial projects with sensitive habitats being noted in their working areas. BPMS has over 40 years' experience working around sensitive natural workspaces, utilizing best practices for land management and having the proper equipment to protect the environment during all phases of activities.











# Historic Buildings On-site

All buildings and areas of interest as designated by the NFS will have a 50Ft buffer between the working/processing

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area and the designated areas of interest. Attached is a photograph showing the working area and the buffer that will be allocated.



# Processing Schedule

Material will be processed during the accessible months on the mountain. During winter, snow melt runoff or during heavy rain events access will cut-off and not be utilized due to safety and environmental protection to the area.

- I. Plan of Operations & State Permit Approval
- II. Start with site preparation timeline 7-10 days
- III. Commence project work proposed start spring May 2025
- IV. Total working time for 2025 roughly 4-5 months
- V. Finalize all needed reclamation work before September 31<sup>st</sup> 2025
- VI. Work with local NFS District Ranger and Management staff for continued 2026 project work if wanted by the operator or necessary. Revise, re-file, and amend any documents at their discretion.

All material will be efficiently removed from the ore pile using a small skid loader equipped with specialized wide tracks to minimize ground impact. The rock will be swiftly crushed in the primary jaw crusher, effectively reducing the 4-6" rock to 1" and smaller particles. This material will be seamlessly fed into a conveyor, which will then feed a hammer mill, ensuring the reduction of the material to 50 mesh and even smaller. The fine material will be promptly sorted through a small trommel, efficiently removing the "free" millable gold, while the remaining "tailings" are directed to the shaker table. At the shaker table, the material will undergo another precise separation process to remove the small flour gold, silver, and all other metal groups into the middlings port, leaving behind meticulously clean tailings ideal for fill material. All tailings will be swiftly dewatered as they come off the shaker table, resulting in a clean water supply suitable for recirculation within the system to ensure the uninterrupted continuation of the process. *With this process, there will be 1-3 tons of material removed per hour.* 

No new stockpiles will be created on-site material will be removed and milled as it comes. No long term



# *material storage will take place outside of the originating location.* Equipment Directory

- High Track Skid loader X1
- Wheeled skid loader for milling X1
- UTV X2
- 1-Ton Pickup Truck X2
- Water Trailer X1
- Jaw Crusher X1
- Hammer Mill X1
- Aggregate conveyors X2
- Trommel X2
- RP4 Shaker Table X1
- 5500 KW Generator with Spark Arrestor X1



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All equipment is new with zero leaks from fuel, hydraulic oil, or grease. All equipment when stored on-site overnight will have petropads and spill kits available for all equipment. All equipment fits onto 1 single trailer and is able to be transported onsite with no need for multiple trips.

### Below are individualized photos & Loaded onto the trailer photo for demonstration



TRAILER WITH ALL EQUIPMENT LOADED. ABLE TO BRING ALL PROCESSING EQUIPMENT IN ONE LOAD





# JCB-1XCT SKIDLOADER WITH SPECIALIZED ATTACHMENTS FOR LOW-IMPACT WORK. THIS UNIT WILL BE TRAILERED SEPARATELY.

# **Reclamation Plan & Schedule**

Progressive reclamation practices will be utilized during the entire duration of the project. This means as an area of work has been completed and will not see equipment disturbance, the area will be graded and prepared for final reclamation. This prevents any areas of disturbance from being properly

managed.

Reclamation will be managed closely with a determined set of steps to properly allow for successful reclamation. *Reclamation plan is established with the NFS proposing the outline below for this project.* 

\*Seed list to be furnished by NFS based on project location and disturbance type and location\* \*Any trees or young saplings that need to be planted in accordance with any local NFS reclamation requests will be able to be fulfilled.

- Final reclamation will include re-grading the hill from where the ore pile was sitting next to and within. Re-grading the land in that small location will prevent sloughing or erosion of the soil and subsoils that make up the small hill.
- Using seed and woodchip matting approved by NFS along with properly placed erosion wattles at the base of the area, no erosion can take place while the seeds are germinating. This will allow for better root establishment in the ground and provide long term substantial regrowth to the area.
- NFS will donate wood chip bedding rolls for reclamation of the small hill area when the ore pile has been removed.
- Final reclamation should take 10-14 days or less to fully complete. This will include surface grading, seeding, ground cover protection, and full equipment removal.

# All reclamation procedures and recommendations:

- Utilize any slash that is created during the making of the small path to the ore pile as ground cover in the benched areas
  of the newly reclaimed area where the pile once stood. This will provide better growing conditions for newly seeded
  material. Slash will be produced by the removal of 3" and minus diameter conifers and brush that is part of the 8 ft wide
  path to the ore pile. All slash will be stored on-site in a safe out of the common path of ingress/egress on either public
  access roads, and trailheads that may be present on-site.
- The tailing pile area with be recontoured to match the slope. To avoid water sheet flow, slash that is perpendicular to the flow of the contour and a few small hummocky pits that will allow for vegetation to establish with be used.



- Ground will be raked and prepared for seed prior to broadcasting. This will allow for better embedding of the seed mixture along the hillside.
- Seed the effected area with a seed list approved by the NFS in this direct district to align with in field conditions. Seeding
  will take place by raking the ground and providing a bedding surface for the seeds. The ground will then be raked over to
  protect and cover the new seeds. NFS woodchip matting will be utilized as natural organic protection and facilitate proper
  moisture needs. This will allow for proper germination of broadcasted seed mixture.
- Slash that was removed to gain access to the ore pile on-site will be laid down upon the woodchip matting around the benched areas. This will allow for better moisture retention, micro-organism biome creation, and allow for faster germination speed and reliability.
- Maintain silt fencing as long as required by NFS to allow for proper re-establishment of vegetation post seeding program.
- Erosion silt fencing to be used as needed during the reseeding process to allow for the top-grade material to be protected against washout.
- Provide buck and rail fence at the above and below entry point to the old road/2-track trail on Western side of ore pile. Historical water diversion has taken place and water now flows onto the lower portion of the road. Fencing off the above and below entrance. No road access will be allowed while fence is up. Candy Mountain Mining to build buck and rail fencing.
- No major road reconditioning or prep will be performed to gain access to the claim and to operate it in any capacity.



# **3rd Pary Reclamation Costs**

Candy Mountain Mining Company has provided a 3<sup>rd</sup> party cost assessment for reclamation of this project. Cost Breakdown is below and is sought by Candy Mountain Mining Company to be the primary field contractor to perform reclamation duties if there is a failure to perform reclamation by the claimant/operator of this claim.

# **RECLAMATION COST BREAKDOWN**

AJAX 1 CO#101785994 MIKE BOSS BPMS LLC. 147 ABIERTO COVE BLANCO, TX 78606

This is a 3rd party cost assessment to provide reclamation services. Services will include all site cleanup, land reclaim, seeding, etc.

| DETAILS              | AMOUNT      |
|----------------------|-------------|
| Surface Grading      | \$1,400.00  |
| Seeding              | \$400.00    |
| Erosion Control      | \$1,600.00  |
| Working Area/Road    | \$600.00    |
| Equipment Rental     | \$2,500.00  |
| Material Costs       | \$800.00    |
| Labor @ 7 Field Days | \$4,200.00  |
| SUBTOTAL             | \$11,500.00 |





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### Tailings Report:

| SAMPLE<br>ID | GPS COORDINATES                | ASSAY STATUS          | GOLD   | SILVER  | PLAT-(µpm) | Rh - (ppm) | Ph (%) | ¥ (S)    | Fe(%)    | Cu(%)    | Te(ppm)     |
|--------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|--------|---------|------------|------------|--------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|
|              |                                | _                     |        |         |            |            |        |          |          |          |             |
| CMINC-019    | 39 848858 105 548428           | Dune                  | 2 41   | 1 68    | 2.045      | 0.0223     | 211    | 0.14     | 3.37     | 0.22     | МZ          |
| CMINC-020    | 39 645856 105.548428           | Done                  | 3.26   | 1.02    | 2 132      | 0.0217     | 2.31   | 0.12     | 2.18     | 0.20     | 13.5        |
| CMNC 021     | 39 \$45658 -105 548428         | Done                  | 2 (3   | 138     | 1,020      | 0.0330     | 211    | 0.11     | 2.12     | 0.21     |             |
| CMI#C-022    | 39 BAURER - 109 548428         | Dane                  | 2.86   | 142     | 2.068      | 0.0341     | 2.15   | 0.03     | 2.53     | 0.21     | 59.3        |
| CMINC-023    | 39 848858 106 54 54 28         | Dane                  | 2 11   | 214     | 2 169      | 0.0109     | 2.33   | 0.08     | 2.14     | 0.23     | 58.2        |
| CMINC-024    | 39 (4585) 105.548428           | Dont                  | 2.85   | 146     | 2 114      | 0.0164     | 2.31   | 0.21     | 3.18     | 0.10     | 55.1        |
| CMMC 025     | 39 \$45658 105 548428          | Dene                  | 3 18   | 211     | 2641       | 0.0125     | 4.07   | 0.13     | 10       | 0.25     | 12.0        |
| CMINC-026    | 39 845668 -106 548428          | Date                  | 2.33   | 3.13    | 3.01       | 0.0340     | 6.14   | 0.11     | 4,33     | 0.10     | 127         |
| CMINC-027    | 39 BAUGe8 - 1 OE 5404 20       | Dune                  | 2.08   | 3.75    | 3 102      | 0.0191     | 3.72   | 0.15     | 3.20     | 0.11     | II1 5       |
| CMINC-028    | 39 848658 105.548428           | Dane                  | 2.16   | 111     | 1.022      | 0.0169     | 5.01   | 0.07     | 3.54     | 0.24     | 13.3        |
| CMINC-029    | 39 645050 106 549420           | Done                  | 2.20   | 2.01    | 1 118      | 0.0544     | 6.91   | 0.00     | 3.10     | 0.21     | 012         |
| CM MC 030    | 39 \$45658 -105 548428         | Done                  | 183    | 2.0     | 1,488      | 0.0561     | 3.07   | 0.15     | 3.22     | 0.22     | 49.1        |
| CMINC-031    | 39 644668 -106 548428          | Dune                  | 3 11   | 2.01    | 2.477      | 0.0330     | 3.61   | 0.15     | 3.10     | 0.23     | 47.2        |
| CMINC-032    | 39 845858 106 548428           | Cune                  | 273    | 1 09    | 2,439      | 0.0127     | 4.31   | 0.23     | 3,15     | 0.24     | 54.Z        |
|              | AVERAGE FOR EACH CATEGO        |                       | 2.493  | 2 (64   | 2 115      | 0.027      | 3 706  | 0 166    | 3.069    | 0.223    | 3.87        |
| CMMC T2/60   | 39 645656 105 548428           | Dene                  | 2.31   | 238     | 1414       | 0.0350     | 201    | 0.13     | 431      | 0.18     | 47 3        |
| CMINC T3Poo  | 39 645668 -106 548428          | Done                  | 1.96   | 217     | 1936       | 0.0213     | 3.62   | 0.21     | 1.33     | 0.12     | <b>16.4</b> |
| CMINC TALL   | 39 6446n8 - K06 549426         | Dane                  | 0.013  | 0.001   | 0.012      | 0.002      | 0.0019 | 0.0012   | 0.0112   | L.DMil   | 0.02        |
| CMINC TALLS  | 39 845858 105.545428           | Done                  | 0.011  | 0 016   | 0 022      | 0.011      | 0.0021 | 0.0031   | 0.0131   | 0.0011   | <u>0.03</u> |
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## Assay information with Tailings Testing Report

| SAMPLE       | GPS COORDINATES                     | ASSAY STATUS   | GOLD   | SILVER  | PLAT -(ppm) | Rh - (ppm) | Pb (%) | V (S)    | Fe(%)    | Cu(%)    | Te(ppm) |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|--|--------|---------|-------------|------------|--------|----------|----------|----------|---------|
| POPULACIÓN - |                                     | -  | -      |         | - 144       |            |        |          |          |          |         |
|              | AVERAGE FOR EACH CATEGORY           |  | 2,493  | 2.094   | 2,119       | 0.027      | 3.708  | 0,100    | 3.059    | 0 223    | 58.87   |
| CMMC-T2Pero  | 39.848658 -105.549428               | Done   | 2.31   | 2.39    | 1.414       | 0.0359     | 2.61   | 0.13     | 4.38     | 0,10     | 47.3    |
| CMMC T3PoO   | 39.848858 -106.549428               | Done   | 1.98   | 2.17    | 1.935       | 0.0293     | 3.62   | 0.21     | 5.33     | 0.12     | 66.4    |
| CMMC-TAIL1   | 39.649658 -105.549428               | Done   | 0.013  | 0.001   | 0.012       | 0,002      | 0.0019 | 0.0012   | 0.0112   | 0.0016   | 0.02    |
| CMMC (TALL)  | 39.848658 -105.549429               | Done   | 0.011  | 0 018   | 0 022       | 0.011      | 0.0021 | 0.0031   | 0 0131   | 0.0011   | 0.03    |
|              |                                     | the second s | 1.0735 | 1.14475 | 0.84575     | 0.01955    | 1.6585 | 0 089075 | 2 433579 | 0.078175 | 28.4517 |
| SOVE SAMPLES | RETRIEVED FROM AJAX 1 MAIN ORE PILE | Done   |        |         | -           |            |        |          |          |          |         |

Tailings Report Samples Assayed With & Without Processing

As noted above in the lab testing, nearly all heavy metals have been removed from the material as it considered tailings.

CMMC-T2POO & CMMC-T3POO Above demonstrate total valuable metals and heavy metals present in the workable material. CMMC-TAIL1 CMMC-TAIL1 are results based on the 2 baseline tests as described above but is only the tailings that was processed in a fire assay. This shows and demonstrates that the tailings are clean, with the vast majority of unsafe material removed.

This will provide a safer environment that current is available due to any leeching that may be occurring will cease to exist. Rainwater leeching of heavy metals will not be present on site after work is completed due to full removal.

## Distance to Waters Edge From Pile

5 points of measurement were used to check distance from pile to waters edge. See Measurements below. No equipment will be



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driven around the bottom of the pile or accessing from lower region.

- Point 1 @ 13.39 Feet from ore body pile to be reclaimed
  - 39°50'55.60"N 105°32'58.27"W
- Point 2 @ 15.26 Feet from ore body pile to be reclaimed
  - 39°50'55.53"N 105°32'58.19"W
- Point 3 @ 15.74 Feet from ore body pile to be reclaimed
  - 39°50'55.43"N 105°32'58.11"W
- Point 4 @ 17.87 Feet from ore body pile to be reclaimed
  - 39°50'55.39"N 105°32'58.00"W
- Point 5 @ 24.68 Feet from ore body pile to be reclaimed
  - 39°50'55.45"N 105°32'57.85"W

All areas below the working ore pile and parallel to the waterway will be silt fencing installed along with wattles at the ore pile.



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Access to the lower portion will be closed off and NO digging or mining equipment will be near or access the ore pile from this region. This access is limited to reclamation practices only. Access to the pile from the lower side will be utilizing a pre-established road that travels directly to the pile. Utilizing this path that has gravel established already will provide a minimal impact to the

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surrounding area. This will not be utilized for digging, removal of ore, or any work practices on the lower portion of the roadway access to the pile. This road access travels tightly next to a historical foundation of a building in place from old workings. The south side of the lower access will be closed off with a gate, and the north side of the lower access will be closed off with a gate.

## Erosion Control & Water Protection Controls



Entire working area around the ore pile will have 2 designated levels and layers of silt fencing. Silt fencing will allow proper water flow and filtration from the hill area without silting or muddying the water way that flows near the pile.

All silt fencing will be properly staked into the ground to allow for proper long term

use, and limited

length of

all job site sediment, water

maintenance. This fencing will be used along the entire the waterway above and below the direct working area. This is a black woven geotextile silt fencing. This will contain and project silt that may be created. Prevent erosion, control filters run-off leaving the project if there is any and limits

pollution. All fencing will be inspected after each rain event to prevent improper usage. Both components are all natural and biodegradable, making erosion control coir logs safe for the surrounding environment. Coir logs are recommended for use on rigorous terrain, areas exposed to high flow or harsh environmental conditions. These erosion control logs are also a reliable erosion control solution for streambanks and lakeshores, as well as for slope stabilization. Manufactured with 100% coir fibers encased in a rhombic coir netting, these high-density coir logs are known for solid performance in the most demanding from becoming silted or dirty water.

Map attached above illustrates location of silt fencing surrounding the lower section of the ore pile near the water way's edge. This will prevent rock, mud, silt or any other geological sediments from entering in the water way. This is a redundant system with 2 rows of coco coir wattles.

• Silt fencing will be installed with wood spikes to prevent walking or washing away of the silt fencing area.

Silt fencing at the water edge will prevent any downstream water disruption, muddying, or silting of the waters. This will prevent any water quality issues from occurring during the entire duration of the project.



Water quality protection during the entire project will be of the upmost protection. Due to many downstream inhabitants, we would like to preserve and protect the water

All areas surrounding the water diversion will utilize silt fencing in those areas to protect from overflow and erosion control. This is recommended by the NFS to protect downstream activities.

### Equipment Working Areas

Working areas that will have direct disturbance to the land will be located at the top of the working area near the roadway. This will allow for safe concentration of the rock material in a control space. There will be no major disturbances to this area. Tailings and not ore body country rock is able to be crushed and provided and fill/base during the course of the project and for final reclamation of the working pad area.

#### Disturbance in the working area: 0.16 Acre

Land disturbance and areas of use will be monitored heavily by the operator to prevent unneeded damage, safety concerns or prevented movement.

Over 90% of the work will be done on already pre-established working pads, and gravel lots. No new damage, extensions, or work areas will be created to facilitate the safe and clean removal of the ore pile on-site.





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All movement related to the mining practices will remain in the areas listed in the maps to prevent further human-to-nature impact and involvement. The road base and working base platform is extremely stable. The field representative on-site tested multiple areas throughout the upper working space and found no stability issues. Ground compaction and base material is well settled and impacted.

Working equipment will be portable in nature with no construction needed to allow for the use of any of the concentration tools. No concrete pads will be poured, no new buildings will be installed or built within the National Forest.

## Working Area Best Practices:

- Limit ingress & egress to working areas
- Contain working area equipment, material, and tools to prevent unnecessary hazards, prevent damage to material or equipment and prevent the creation of an event that would have impacts on the Forest or the Public access to the area.
- Protect the roadway that travels near the working area.
- Maintain a buffer between the roadway and the working area to keep public access safe and clear.
- Provide continued maintenance within the working area.
  - Limit equipment usage hours to normal working hours between 8am and before dusk for start and stop times of operation.

## Temporary Above Ground Water Containment

This project will only utilize water to concentrate the material at all levels. No added EPA regulated or unregulated chemicals will be used onsite. No temporary ponds will be dug into the landscape. This area does not provide a safe temporary location to dig a temporary pond into place. Above-ground water containment will be utilized instead.



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A popular and convenient method of water usage in areas where it is less than favorable to install a temporary pond is an above ground containment system. These systems are identical to what local, state and federally contracted fire man have used to isolate and contain water for fighting fires. These units are completely portable, durable, and able to withstand the rigors of water transfer without the long-term effects of installing a temporary pond system.

These tanks are completely can be transported in and out very effectively with zero impact to the on this project. This tank will be the gravel working pad with no new ground disturbance to properly proper use.

These portable water containment systems Steel Folding Tanks with heavy duty Port-a-Husky<sup>®</sup> Folding Frame Tanks are used in the Firefighting Industry for rural water water shuttle operations and are used in foldable and easily and working area installed on vegetative or facilitate

are Husky Tank Liners.

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Secondary Containment market as well. They are great for Bladder Tank containment, hazardous spill clean-up and a variety of other containment needs.



These water containment systems are excellent for this project

as it will provide safety through an inspectable piece of equipment to always be able to detect issues or failures. Rain intrusion prevention during heavy rain events will be easier and safer to manage with a containment system such as this. Allowing the operator to install a tarp or waterproof cover to the tank to prevent unneeded water intrusion additions. Water truck will be used as the source of the water used on-site.



All material as it is processed goes into a "dewatering screw" that removes the rock and sedimentary material from the water before it

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goes back into the holding tank. This prevents any rock, ore, sediment or any processed material to sit and "soak" or "leach" into the water. This keeps the water very clean and prevent mucking of the water as it is being used. When discharge of the water is needed then there will not be any rock or foreign bodied materials within the water to be spread across the ground.

### Water Discharge Practices

Water discharge practices for this project during the final stages of the project will be established to prevent any groundwater, flowing water, or erosion from discharge occurrences.

Discharge will be a slow rate discharge. This will be slow enough to allow for proper saturation of the water into the ground and completely limit runoff in the area. Discharge activities are going to be facing the north into the tree line. This will allow for a significant distance to be created from the discharge location and the flowing waterway.

- Discharge will be 163 Ft away from the temporary holding tank onsite.
- Discharge location will be no closer than 165 Ft away from the flowing waterway.
- Water discharge will be a valved hose attached to the tank and placed south of and below the structures on the East side of the road. Placed within the vegetation and not the roadway with a hose.

This discharge process will take 1-3 days to complete with a 5,000 gallon tank. No heavy metals or ore body based material is stored in this water at any time. Due to use of a dewatering screw all material is screened and removed before going into a water containment tank.

Water discharge will occur in the fall months closest to September when average flow rates for the area are lower than most times of the year.

- I. Allows for natural dilution from rain or snow events
- II. Sedimentary filtration duration performs at a slower rate which is beneficial.







## Water Flow Data

Understanding and analyzing stream water flow data from a specific area is crucial for the development and implementation of effective water protection plans. It is essential to closely monitor the water levels and flow rates to determine whether work activities should be paused to prevent any potential water disturbances.



#### Water Flow Gage Height (Feet) 1 Year

Proper management of the relationship between water level, flow, and the location and placement of erosion wattles are key to ensuring environmental protection and the success of any construction or land development projects near water bodies. During periods when water levels are low and the flow is within normal parameters, outside of any significant melt or rain

events, erosion wattles can be strategically placed across the waterway to act as a redundant filter system, effectively removing sediments and fine-grained organic material. However, in the event of higher water levels and increased flow rates, wattles cannot be directly deployed in the main flow path; instead, they should be redundantly placed around the primary work area to mitigate potential environmental impacts. By understanding and effectively utilizing stream water flow data, proactive measures can be taken to ensure that construction and development activities do not negatively impact the natural water flow dynamics and surrounding ecosystems. This proactive approach not only protects the environment and water bodies but also contributes to the project's overall sustainability.

## Milling & Concentration of Gold & Silver Best Practices

All milling will be completed at the upper flat landing parallel to the roadway. This flat area will provide a safe working area for the jaw crusher, hammer mill, and water concentration system.

I. Fugitive dust will be managed by utilizing water in the mill to prevent "dusting out" the work area and creating an unsafe



working area. Mitigating dust is important to protecting local vegetative life including local wildlife health and safety.

- II. Tailings from the shaker table are dewatered and not dumped into a tailings pond. All invaluable material that is not accepted through specific gravity separation is dried and used as fill and grade for reclamation purposes.
- III. All material is highly separated to provide extremely clean tailings. Gold, silver, and all platinum-level metals, leads, or other heavy metals are removed and automatically sorted by grade on the shaker table. All material is smelted off-site at a commercial refinery. All slags or byproducts of the refinery are managed by the refinery located in Nevada.
- IV. All material is primarily concentrated on-site, and all material is removed off-site for further processing. No chemicals either regulated or unregulated by the EPA will be used in any concentration or separation of values, minerals or metals from ore.

## Camping & Land Utilization During Project Duration

No camping will take place on the claim during any of the project durations. No campers or RV units will be brought on-site for the use of camping on-site. All human refuse will be captured in a porta-john mounted to a trailer that will be taken to a local RV cleanout for proper cleaning and emptying. All human garbage will be removed and contained on a daily and weekly basis. No garbage will be left on-site at any time.

## Solid Wastes:

Human waste will be stored within an impervious trailer mounted porta restroom facility and be taken off-site on an as needed basis for waste disposal and proper cleaning before returning to the site. Trailer mounted porta restrooms can be taken to a RV dump station for waste disposal and cleaning. The porta restroom will be removed on completely at the end of the reclamation period.

## Hazardous Materials & Chemical Usage:

No EPA regulated or unregulated chemicals will be utilized in the settling, coagulation, separation, or concentration of any values or treated to the bulk water onsite. No mercury will be used at this operation. Only water will be utilized concentrating the value bearing material by specific gravity and sent off-site to a 3rd party refinery. All fuel storage will be done with DOT approved fuel tanks mounted on the backs on highway licensed and insured vehicles. These are leakproof tanks that will hold the diesel or gas that is needed on-site. No barrels of fuel or oils will be stored on the ground. No flammable liquids, caustic, or listed chemicals will not be stored onsite on the ground or in improper containers. All refueling of equipment will be done no closer than 25 Ft from the recirculating pond on-site while utilizing spill kits, and petro-pads to prevent spill events.



This project is located near the end of Forest Service Road 7071. There are no houses directly in the area or view of the project. There are homes and cabins located in the vicinity and are located down the road from this project by .26 miles. This project would be located near the roadway but will not have an impact directly or indirectly to the road access area utilized by the public. Sound



from equipment and milling will be limited to daylight working hours only. This is so that there will not be a local sound disturbance to anyone in the area. No weekend work will take place on the claim. Ore pile is located beyond the tree line and is generally not visible to the public as they travel through. Work is focused on the safe removal of the ore pile that is there on-site and committed to providing a cleaner setting for future wildlife, and public activity. This is not an exploratory or new establish mine operation, but focused more on reclamation and



No new exploratory holes, pits, trenches, adits, shafts or land cutting will occur on this project. This is a reclamation only project. All historic structures, building materials etc. will be left intact in place and not disturbed based on NFS recommendations for the area.



# Environmental & Project Management Best Practices

- I. No new roads will be cut into the claim or the NFS, no current road modifications, no extensions or widening.
- II. No changing of the flow rate, depth, or width of the natural waterway that is present at the claim.
- III. Removal of historical garbage and materials at NFS discretion to create a safer, cleaner environment for the area.
- IV. No EPA regulated or unregulated chemicals will be used at this project during any phase of the project, water management, or material concentration. No leeching, chemical separation, or chemical reductions will be performed onsite at any point of the project.
- V. All material that is crushed and process with water will be sent to be refined in Nevada at "Just Refiners." This will prevent any rock or sediment-based materials to be left on-site that would contain large amounts of platinum-level metals, minerals, or sulfides.
- VI. No on-ground or "site-based" bulk fuel storage will occur. All fuel storage will be bulk vehicle fuel tanks that are permanently mounted to the rear bed of the work truck.
- VII. Diesel Fuel Stored in DOT approved containers. These units are stored and permanently mounted to the trucks hauling fuel. This prevents on-site bulk fuels storage leaking issues, fuel storage box issues and ground penetrating/degradation of fuel storage tanks.
- VIII. Spill kits will be kept with all refueling trucks in the case of a leak during fueling or storage
- IX. Utilization of coco coir wattles around the ore pile, around the waterway edge, and areas of reclamation will be utilized and maintained.
- X. No camping onsite will occur & all garbage and refuse will be removed daily
- XI. No new structures, temporary, built, pre-fab, or otherwise will be constructed or brought on-site for the project.

**Total Land Disturbance For Project** 

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Working areas including the area where the ore pile will be cleaned up and removed will be a total of 0.16 Acre of land disturbance.

This is a small-footprint project focused on direct access and reclamation of a historic ore pile.

## **GPS For All Project Points Decimal Degrees**

Entry: Lat: 39.832778 Long: -105.560892 Primary Stop @ Claim: Lat: 39.848878 Long: -105.549306 Ore Pile: Lat: 39.849214 Long: -105.549386 Working Area Access To Ore Pile: Lat: 39.848858 Long: -105.549378 Working Area W/ Temp Water Containment: Lat: 39.848742 Long: -105.549217 Proposed Water Discharge Area: Lat: 39.848769 Long: -105.549011 Equipment Parking & Storage Area: Lat: 39.848936 Long: 105.549261

This is a low impact operation that will be managed professionally by BPMS LLC by qualified, licensed, and trained equipment operators. Environmental protection, land management, and long-term public access viability is in the best interest of the operator. The commitment to managing this operation in an upstanding manner that adheres to the laws, regulations, and long-term goals of the National Forest Service is paramount. Recommendations or amendments to this Plan of Operations can be forwarded to Candy Mountain Mining Company.





















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