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South Park Ranger District

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File Code: 2810
Date: June 25, 2025

Shanna Gold 6 LLC - Gregory May
Operator/Claimant
2676 G 1/2 Road
Grand Junction, CO 81506

Dear Gregory May,

This letter is to acknowledge the receipt of your *BCMC #27* Notice of Intent (NOI) in accordance with the Forest Service (FS) mining regulations at 36 CFR 228.4(a). Your NOI was received on June 10, 2025, by the South Park Ranger District of the Pike-San Isabel National Forests & Cimarron and Comanche National Grasslands (PSICC). The *BCMC #27* NOI has been assigned an identification number of **2810-021210-NOI-2025-009**. Please use this number in all future correspondence.

Our office completed a preliminary review of your NOI, but more time is needed to determine whether a Mine Plan of Operation (MPO) is required for your proposed mining activities. Popular recreation use and wildlife habitat present resource concerns that need further review. Additionally, Beaver Creek is used for municipal water supply and we will consult the Town of Fairplay about any water resource concerns.

If you have any questions, please contact Geologist Cullen LaPointe by phone at (719) 412-1322 or by email at cullen.lapointe@usda.gov.

Sincerely,

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VOORHIS

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JOSHUA VOORHIS
Date: 2025.06.25
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JOSHUA VOORHIS
District Ranger

cc: DRMS - Elliott Russell





USFS Response to BCMC#27 NOI Submittal

Banks, Madison - FS, CO <Madison.Banks@usda.gov>

Thu, Jun 26, 2025 at 8:29 AM

To: "Elliott Russell (DNR-DRMS)" <elliott.russell@state.co.us>, "Spawn, Julie - FS, CO" <Julie.Spawn@usda.gov>

Cc: "maygregoryd@gmail.com" <maygregoryd@gmail.com>, "Lapointe, Cullen - FS, CO" <Cullen.Lapointe@usda.gov>

Elliott,

Attached is Mr. May's NOI submittal.

Julie is out of the office today but will be back tomorrow.

Thank you!

Madison Banks

Geologist – Hardrock, Oil and Gas, and Construction Materials Programs

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From: Elliott Russell (DNR-DRMS) <elliott.russell@state.co.us>

Sent: Thursday, June 26, 2025 8:24 AM

To: Spawn, Julie - FS, CO <Julie.Spawn@usda.gov>

Cc: maygregoryd@gmail.com; Lapointe, Cullen - FS, CO <Cullen.Lapointe@usda.gov>; Banks, Madison - FS, CO <Madison.Banks@usda.gov>

Subject: Re: USFS Response to BCMC#27 NOI Submittal

Hi Julie,

Thank you for copying me on this letter. Can you please also forward a copy of the NOI paperwork that Mr. May submitted to the USFS.

Thank you!

Elliott Russell

Environmental Protection Specialist

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Gregory D. May
Shanna Gold 6 LLC
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Grand Junction, CO 81506
maygregoryd@gmail.com
Phone: 720-530-5224

June 4, 2025

USFS South Park Ranger District
P.O. Box 219
Fairplay, CO 80440

Ladies and Gentlemen,

This is a cover letter to introduce my Notice of Intent for prospecting and mining regarding my BCMC#27 Mining claim on Beaver Creek north of Fairplay. I recently purchased this, what I now understand is a newly filed claim, from CCKC, LLC. I have no other connection with CCKC, LLC. I have not yet seen the claim, but I intend to get up there this summer to prospect/mine a little before winter returns.

To supplement the attached Notice of Intent form I will offer a little more information in this letter that may help in outlining my "intent". Over the next few years I hope to fully retire. I plan to do some occasional recreational mining, and, of course, if I locate sufficient valuable material, I hope to do some light mining there. I hope to buy a small bumper pull camping trailer that I might be able to park, subject to the camping limits, at one of the remote sites not far north of the claim. Optionally I will stay in town at one of the motels, or at a pay camp site, while I visit that area. When remote camping (according to all applicable regulations) I will follow all fire guidelines, have a portable toilet, and of course I will pack out any trash associated with camping, mining or prospecting activities.

Although I am a Colorado native, this claim, and the general area in fact, are new to me. Because of that I expect I will have to take some amount of time to get a feel for things there. Hiking around and some light prospecting will take a while. Since I am not fully retired I don't expect to be able to be there very much until future mining seasons. The mining equipment list on the attached form is fairly comprehensive for any long term anticipated activities there. The list includes much of the equipment I now have for a "winter" mining claim in Arizona. Long term I hope to have the flexibility to go up to Park County, from time to time, while the road is open and the weather is pleasant. Optimally I will be there with one to three mining partners who will be family or close friends. I will manage these folks and anyone that does not follow the rules will not be invited back. I will be there, or very close by anytime there will be mining or prospecting on the claim. So if

someone's out there digging, without me, they probably don't have my permission (claim jumpers).

Since I have not seen the ground in person, I don't know exactly where the claims valuable minerals might be. Of course, being nearly retired, I don't expect I would be digging deep holes or underground tunnels. I have committed to moving no more than two yards of "dirt" per day – primarily because this is a limit imposed by the BLM on the open mining area that I'm familiar with at the Norwood Bridge in San Miguel County. Of course, by myself I'm not known for hand digging two yards of dirt and rocks in a day.


I believe I'd be considered a small, maybe very small, miner. Waste material from mining would be "washed rocks" which would be either returned to the hole, or sculptured in a manner that generally maintains the area's historic water flow. Vegetation will be respected and only minimally disturbed when on an identified or potential pay streak. No substantial trees or shrubs will be removed or damaged, except that downed dead wood may be cut and/or moved to provide cart, or walking access to mining areas, and to valuable pay dirt. I have a small battery powered chain saw that would be as aggressive as I would be in cutting downed wood across a trail. Natural Beaver dams and beaver huts will be left undisturbed, and other area wildlife will be appreciated from afar, and hopefully minimally disturbed. I enjoy watching wildlife and I have a deep appreciation for our shared public lands.

The quantity of material that might be removed in mining on the claim would perhaps be a few five gallon buckets of "pay dirt" or concentrates that may be taken offsite to finish extracting valuable minerals. Whatever material is removed will have to fit in my car/pickup, along with all my other gear. Unless there's a gold strike that makes the Wall Street Journal there will not be rock trucks going up and down the roads from my claim.

I have included a map that shows the location of the existing access road that crosses the claim, current existing trails through/around the claim (visible from Google Earth), and a couple of short routes to some proposed areas for mining/prospecting on both sides of Beaver Creek. Wherever possible natural game trails will be used to minimize impact to the area.

Thanks very much for your consideration of this proposal. Please contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding this request.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Gregory D. May". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Gregory D. May
Owner, Shanna Gold 6 LLC



Example Format for Notice of Intent Instructions
Pursuant to 36 CFR §228.4(a) – Locatable Minerals

USFS SOUTH PARK RANGER DISTRICT

Received By: Julie Spaw
Date Received: 6/10/25
15-day Response Date: 6/25/25

Name: SHANNA GOLD 6 LLC/GREGORY MAY Date: 06-04-25
Mailing Address: 2676 G 1/2 ROAD
City/State: GRAND JUNCTION, CO Zip Code: 81506
Email: maygregoryd@gmail.com Phone Number: 720-530-5224

This serves as my/our intent to conduct mining activities on National Forest System (NFS) lands administered by the South Park Ranger District of the Pike National Forest. I am proposing to mine in the following AREA(s):

Drainage(s): BEAVER CREEK NORTH OF FAIRPLAY
Section 17(N 1/2 NE 1/4 SE 1/4) Township: 9 SOUTH Range: 77 WEST
Claim # (if applicable): CO106721866
Other Description: CLAIM NAME BCMC #27

I am proposing to do the following MINING ACTIVITIES (describe in detail – attach an extra sheet if necessary):

PROSPECTING, PANNING & SLUICING TO REMOVE VALUABLE MINERALS (GOLD, ETC.). REMOVING SOME PAYDIRT & CONCENTRATES TO ISOLATE VALUABLE MINERALS. – SEE COVER LETTER

I will use the following TOOLS/ EQUIPMENT: SHOVEL, BUCKET, SLUICE BOX, HIGBANKER, & 10 HP
Specify handwork, type of tool and/or machinery, etc. GAS OR ELECTRIC PUMP.

My PLAN FOR RECLAMATION is: #1. AVOID MAJOR DAMAGE #2. BACKFILL TO RESTORE NATURAL
LOOKING CONTOURS FOR VEGETATION

My estimated SIZE of DISTURBANCE is: MOVE & PROCESS NO MORE THAN TWO YARDS PER DAY.

I will use the following ROUTES/ ROADS to access my project area(s): COUNTY ROAD THROUGH CLAIM & EXISTING BRIDGE & EXISTING TRAILS WITH MINOR NEW TRAIL.

I will use the following VEHICLES to access my project area: AUTOMOBILE/PICKUP TO CLAIM & 4 WHEEL HAND CART.
Specify type of vehicle, foot travel, animal, etc.

I would like to work on the following DATES (mm/dd/yy): PERIODICALLY FROM 06/01/25 - 11/01/25

SIGNATURE OF OPERATOR(S):

Gregory D. May

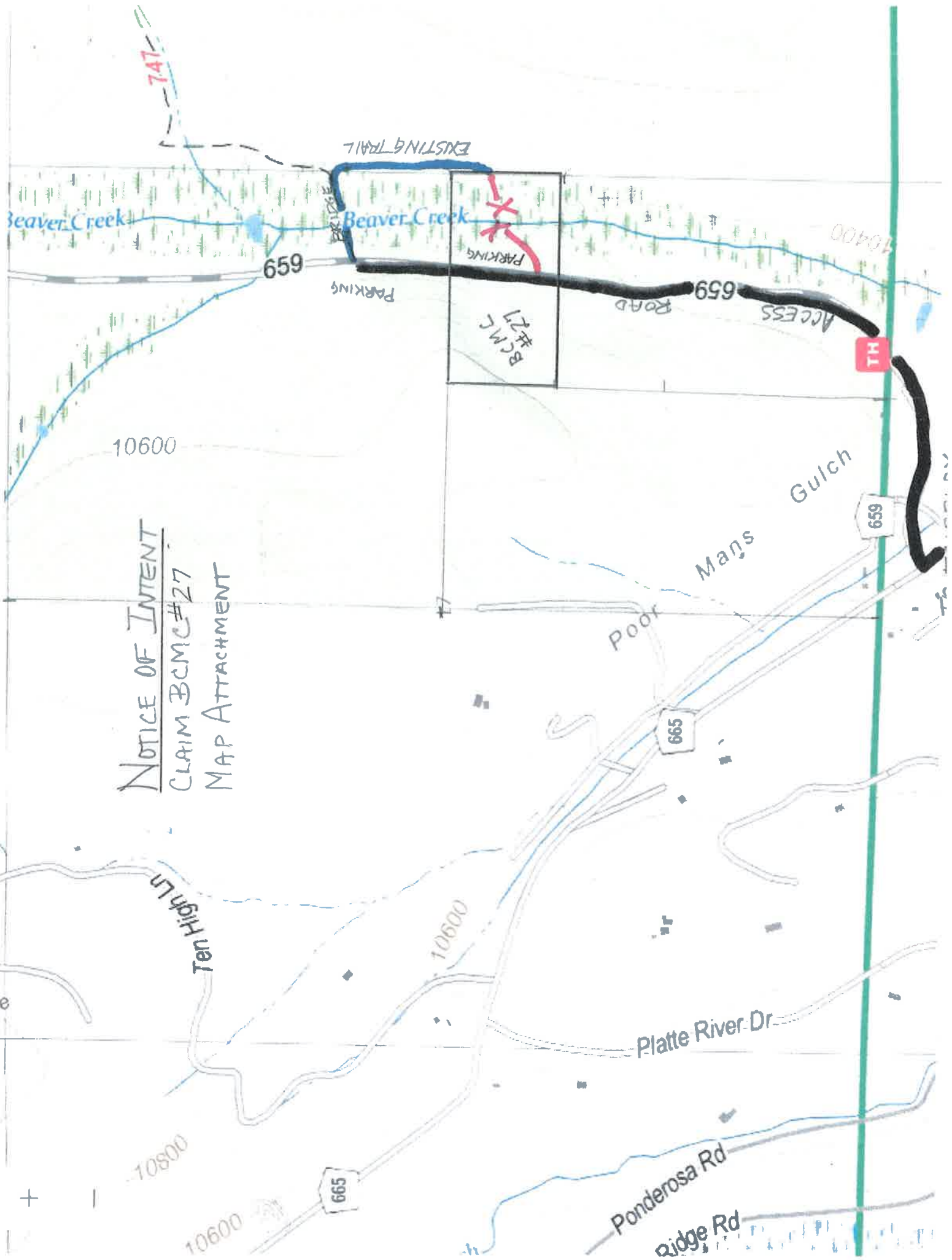
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**A Plan of Operations (form FS-2800-5) will be required for all activities that involve machinery, tree felling, road construction, and other activities that cause significant disturbance (36 CFR 228.4)

ATTACH MAP TO NOTICE: Map must show mining claim, both road and off-road access to work site. Road access is shown in **BLACK**, off-road access is shown in **BLUE**, and proposed road and/or trail construction is shown in **RED**.

NOTICE OF INTENT
CLAIM BCMC#27
MAP ATTACHMENT



FAIRPLAY

CLAIM BMC#27

