

Cazier, Tim

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To: Cazier, Tim
Subject: Response to CC&V Amendment Application
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Tim,

I'm attaching a copy of the letter that will be going out in the mail today regarding CC&V's amendment application. It does look like we may have some issues/clarification needs with regards to land ownership in the proposed additional acreage areas.

Thanks,

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Mr. Tim Cazier
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Dear Mr. Cazier:

BLM received a Notice of 112d3 Designated Mining Operation Reclamation Permit Amendment Application Consideration for the Cripple Creek & Victor Gold mine from the Division of Reclamation, Mining and Safety (CDRMS) on March 9, 2012.

In review of this amendment, BLM compiled a chain of surveys for the area interpreted to be included in the mine's proposed additional 127.3 acres. The interpretation of this additional acreage was based on the available hardcopy information CDRMS provided BLM and not detailed survey data for this proposal. BLM's cadastral survey determined from their review that the land surveys have potential problems within this additional acreage proposal. There are numerous overlapping mineral surveys in the vicinity dating back to the 1870's, most of which have been patented. However, because some of these mineral surveys never went to patent and federally owned lands still exist outside of the patented lodes, there is a probability of public land within the mine's proposed increase of the existing permit boundary.

BLM is requesting that the applicant coordinate with the Royal Gorge Field Office regarding this issue, prior to CDRMS issuing a decision on this amendment application.

Please contact Stephanie Carter at (719) 269-8551 with any questions you may have concerning the issues in this letter.

Sincerely,

Keith E. Berger
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