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Dear Charlie,

I am responding to your phone conversation with Liz Mauch of my staff yesterday. The Clark family is in the process of adding a partner, and would like to drill an additional 4-6 exploratory holes this field season, running two drill rigs.

You had inquired what the Forest Service would require for the additional drilling work, and here is our response:

As a reminder, the environmental analysis covered drilling of up to 8 core holes at specific locations. We will only authorize those locations which have already been cleared through the environmental analysis process. Therefore, please submit a map showing which hole locations are proposed to be drilled this year.

Bonding: a) DRMS Please work with DRMS to determine bonding requirements needed for drilling and reclaiming additional holes. b) please post an additional \$5,000 bond for road maintenance with the Forest Service.

Contact Liz Mauch at 240-5405 at least 48 hours prior to the drill rig(s) mobilizing to the site, so that we can inspect the rig(s) to ensure they are free of mud and seeds. This is for the purpose of controlling the spread of noxious weeds.

Prior to mobilizing the drill rig, repair the road locations and the drillhole location noted in the inspection photo log sent by letter to you on August 24, 2012. Most of the inspection photos and notes are tied to specific sites, however the first page is a general observation of road work where we had requested the drainage be re-established to cross over the road. We observed that a blade was taken and flattened the ground but did not establish drainage. This needs to be fixed either with an angled blade or shovel work.

Please note that road repair work should be done prior to bringing in the drill rigs, and at the completion of 2012 drilling, to fix any areas where equipment has compromised the drainage.

Install storm water management controls around the drill locations prior to beginning drilling.

Reclamation of the drillholes should be done as soon as the drillrig is moved off the site.



Re-seeding should be done at the drillhole locations and in road repair areas where several square feet of vegetation has been removed by repair activities upon completion of 2012 activities.

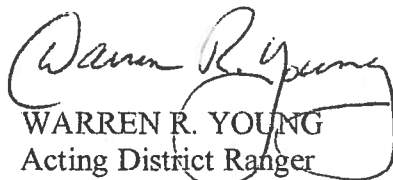
Outhouse: please have a portable toilet installed prior to drilling activity, in a location which is convenient to the drillrigs.

As we are approaching the end of the 2012 field season, please remember that the approved Plan of Operations does not authorize snowplowing.

We look forward to hearing back from you in response to this letter and prior to beginning any new drilling on the site. If the proposed drilling does not materialize this field season, please ensure that the work documented in the August 24, 2012 letter is addressed prior to snow closing the project area.

If you have questions, please contact Liz at 240-5405 or lmauch@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,



WARREN R. YOUNG
Acting District Ranger

Cc: Dustin Czapla, DRMS
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