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Pagosa Field Office
Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety

CERTIFIED MAIL – RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED: 7010 2780 0002 2375 1047

Dear Mr. Bridges:

I received your proposed Plan of Operations (PoO) for the Boulder Gold – Alamosa River Placer Exploration Project on January 28, 2013. I have designated your PoO with serial ID: POO-2013-045339-0209-BOULDER-GOLD. I am requiring additional time to complete review of your plan. My staff and I cannot complete review of the PoO, as the site is inaccessible, due to inclement seasonal weather. After completion of the PoO review, my staff will be required to conduct an analysis of your proposed PoO. In accordance with Forest Service minerals regulations, located at 36 CFR 228.5 (4)(5):

4) Notify the operator that the plan is being reviewed, but that more time, not to exceed an additional sixty (60) days, is necessary to complete such review, setting forth the reasons why additional time is needed: Provided, however, that days during which the area of operations is inaccessible for inspection shall not be included when computing the sixty (60) day period; or

(5) Notify the operator that the plan cannot be approved until a final environmental statement has been prepared and filed with the Council on Environmental Quality as provided in §228.4(f).

To help expedite the review of your PoO, please provide me with the following:

1. Any and all survey data that you have. The project area and claim boundary is close to an area that is not open to mining, as illustrated by Attachments A & B.
2. A general design layout and flow chart of your processing plant operation.
 - a. Include the location of stockpiled material, excavation pit, equipment configuration, etc.
3. A design layout of both your proposed 300 ft. low level road (specifically ingress and egress) from Forest Service Road 250, and crossing of the Alamosa River.
 - a. Include plan and design for stream bank and road stabilization (example: hardened crossing)
4. A detailed water management plan for the area of excavation. How will you manage water from entering and exiting the project area?



5. A plan for sediment control related to; stockpiled material, processed material, surface runoff, etc.
6. A schedule of work and a number of personnel.
7. A health and safety plan for San Juan Minerals LLC staff and other users of the Forest. Forest Service Road 250 receives a significant amount of traffic. Caution signs will be required at distances above and below the work area.
 - a. Transport of equipment will require a pilot vehicle.
8. A plan for use and occupancy of Forest Service land during operations. Camping on forest in excess of 14 days is prohibited, unless otherwise authorized by the District Ranger.

I will not approve the plan until review is complete and appropriate analysis is conducted and finalized.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss please call Nicolas Sandoval at 719-852-6286 or contact him at nasandoval@fs.fed.us.

Sincerely,

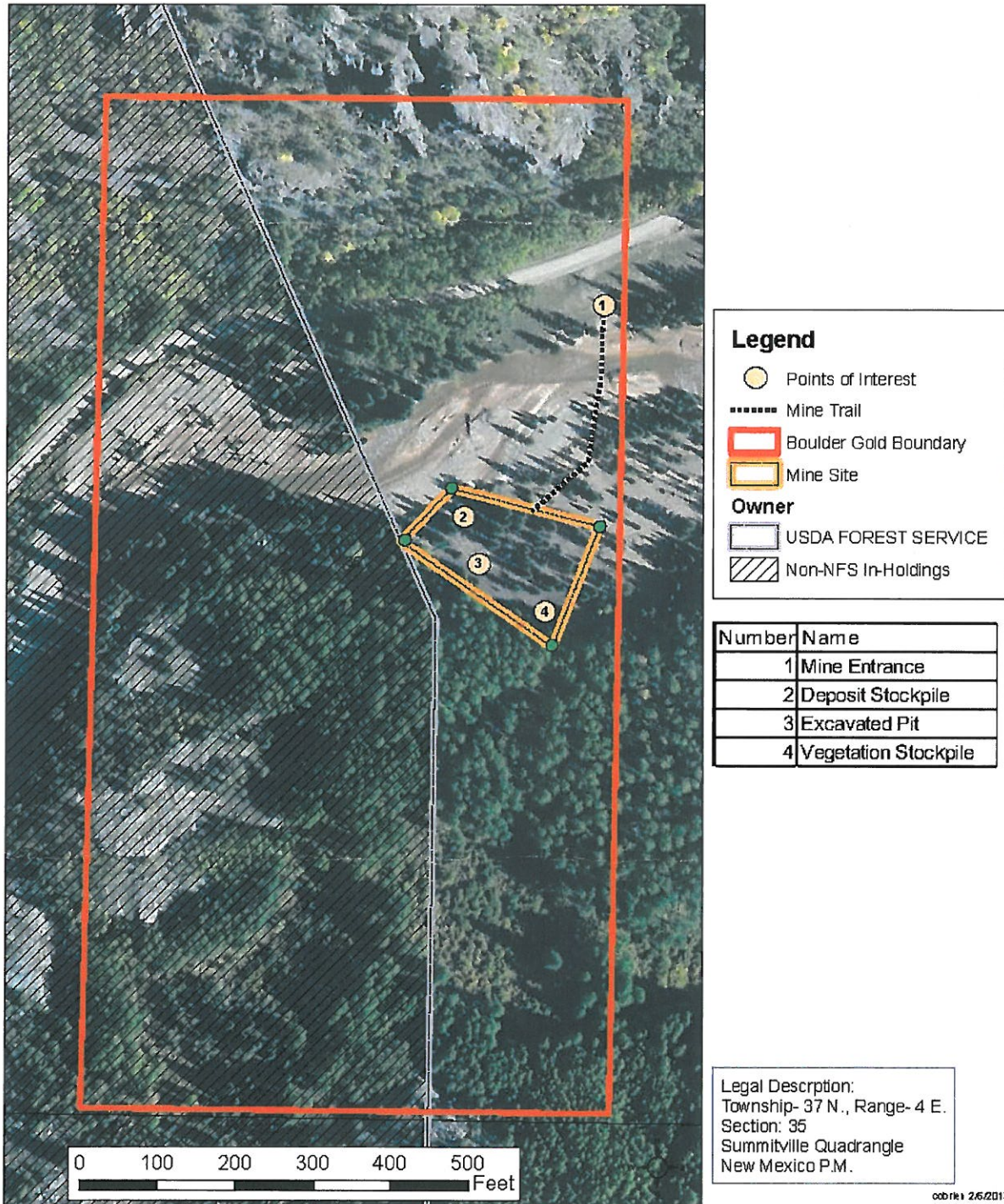


ANDREA M. JONES
District Ranger

cc: Robert Oswald

Attachment A

Boulder Gold Proposed Plan of Operations



Attachment B

