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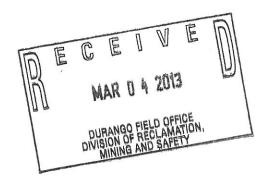
P-ZOII-008 USFS APPROVES RELEASE REQUEST (SL-1)

Dear Mr. Sullivan,

After full review of the Colorado Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety (CODRMS) report and field inspections completed by Mr. Dwight Irwin (USFS) and myself, all work has been completed as specified in the Homestake Adit Closure Scope and Specifications (Reclamation Plan) document. Forest Service personnel visited on-site with the operator and their subcontractor prior to, and during the work specified in the Reclamation Plan. The Reclamation Plan was a cooperative document developed with input from CODRMS, Belleview Land and Mineral Co. and the Forest Service. The work completed by the subcontractor of Belleview Land and Mineral Co. meets the standards and specifications agreed to. The Forest Service inspections concur with the findings in the CODRMS inspection report. It is therefore recommended by the Forest Service that the release of the bond be made to the operator.

Sincerely,

/s/ James Pitts
JAMES PITTS
District Ranger



cc: Nicolas A Sandoval Gerard I Sandoval Dwight Irwin



