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Durango Field Office
Division of Reclamation,
Mining and Safety

Dear Mr. Erickson,

The Ouray Ranger District of the Grand Mesa Uncompahgre Gunnison National Forest has reviewed the Notice of Intent to Conduct Prospecting Operations for Hard Rock/Metal Mines, number P-2013-010 submitted by Ouray 79 Mining LLC.

Our comments are as follows:

- a. The map provides insufficient detail to show whether any mining operations, including haul routes, core holes, staging areas, etc. would be located on National Forest System (NFS) lands. Map 1A attached to the NOI is a general location map and does not display ownership, location of the three portals, access roads, or land ownership. We ask that a more detailed map and description be provided to indicate what, if any activities, are proposed on NFS land.
- b. We believe that the Blowout Road NFSR 871.2B would be used for the haul route. Accordingly, we will need additional information on numbers of trips per day, critical vehicle widths, lengths, and weights. A commercial Road Use Permit will be required, and perhaps commensurate use for maintenance of the road to offset impacts to the road due to their commercial use where the road crosses NFS land. I have attached a form to help us understand the types of vehicles and numbers of trips.

If you have any questions, please contact Liz Mauch, Lands and Minerals Staff at lmauch@fs.fed.us or 970-240-5405.

Sincerely,

TAMERA RANDALL-PARKER
District Ranger

Enclosure

Cc: Mark Castrodale, Ouray County Planning Dept.
Ouray 79 Mining LLC



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Breakdown of traffic on Forest Service Roads for Smith road construction project

THIS IS AN EXAMPLE SHOWING HOW TO COMPLETE THE FORM

Phase 1: Traffic on NFSRs from road improvements and construction operations.

What is the operating season for Phase 1? June 15-July 20, 2010

Is snowplowing requested? No

Type of vehicle (use one row per type of vehicle)	Number of trips per day or week, describe National Forest System Roads used and one- way mileage	Total number of days	Maximum weight, pounds
Light duty pickup carrying crew	3 trucks making two roundtrips per day from Collbran to project area on NFSR 111. 25 miles.	25	Xxxx
Heavy duty pickup with water tank	1 truck making two roundtrips per day from Dry Creek Reservoir to project area on NFSR 111 and NFSR 115. 3 miles on NFSR 115; 7 miles on NFSR 111.	25	Xxxx
Tractor trailer/ lowboy carrying D-6 dozer	1 roundtrip per week from Collbran to project area on NFSR 111 loaded/unloaded. 25 miles	5	120,000

Breakdown of traffic on Forest Service Roads for The XYZ Mining Company exploration project

Traffic on NFSRs from commercial use road operations.

What is the operating season ? _____

Is snowplowing requested? _____

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Wanakah NOI comments from USFS-important

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Mon, Jul 1, 2013 at 4:34 PM

To: "wally.erickson@state.co.us" <wally.erickson@state.co.us>

Hello Wally, since the July 3 deadline for comments is fast approaching, I thought I had better send the FS comments electronically to you. Please let me know that you received this, and also, let me know if the comments need to go to a different office to be considered timely. Thank you, Liz

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